

# HIGHLAND INDIANA

"Indiana's Largest Town"



## SEMI CENTENNIAL

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17, 18, 1960

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3703 38TH ST



# SEMI CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Thursday, September 15 — 7:00 p.m.

## Kickoff Parade

Featuring community wide participation,  
and led by the famous Fifth Army Band.  
The Parade Chairman is Glen Wagner.

Friday, September 16 — 7:30 p.m.

## The Pageant

*Highland's Golden Years*

Will be offered on the grounds of the  
Highland Christian Grade School.

Script written by Sally Remaley; under the direction of  
John Preston and produced by  
Chairman Mrs. Carl Schlueter and her pageant committee.

Friday — After the Pageant

## Street Dancing

Fourth Avenue between Highway and Jewett Streets  
With calling by Walter Lohse.

Saturday, September 17 — 10:00 a.m.

## Children's Parade

Anything goes except mechanized means of travel.  
Under the direction of Parade Co-Chairmen  
Mr. and Mrs. William Dorschel  
and Entertainment Chairman Mrs. Walter Halfman.

Saturday, September 17 — 2:00 p.m.

## Championship Softball

Masepohl Field  
(North End of Fifth Street)

Saturday, September 17 — 7:30 p.m.

## The Pageant

For the second and last offering —  
followed by fireworks on the grand scale  
as sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Group

Sunday, September 18

All of Highland's Churches have been  
requested to have Special Services  
to commemorate Highland's Golden Anniversary  
as an incorporated town.



# WELCOME

On behalf of the progressive businessmen, industries, and professional services of Indiana's LARGEST town, I extend to one and all a most cordial welcome!

I hope that the tremendous enthusiasm and civic interest generated by this celebration will be carried forward and be reflected in the continued development and growth of our wonderful community.

Highland has grown from a predominantly agricultural community to the finest residential community in Lake County in a short span of time. It is at this point that we should all strive to increase our civic interests and activities in order to make Highland a still better place in which to live.

HIGHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

John C. Homer, D.D.S.

President

# THANK YOU

"Thou hast taught us to mete out to others as we would receive"—how often we have thought of this scripture during the past several months, and how much we have received in fellowship and helpfulness. We, your 50th Anniversary Committee, have felt a deep sense of humility and insignificance in serving you. Without the aid of all the capable chairmen and chairwomen this celebration certainly could not be the success that it is.

Willingness to help and the chance to enjoy a bit of fun with fellow neighbors has emanated from everybody that we came in contact with. We wish to thank all of the officers and members of all the committees for the work they have performed so diligently. Also, we wish to thank all of the civic and service organizations as well as all others who have helped in any way.

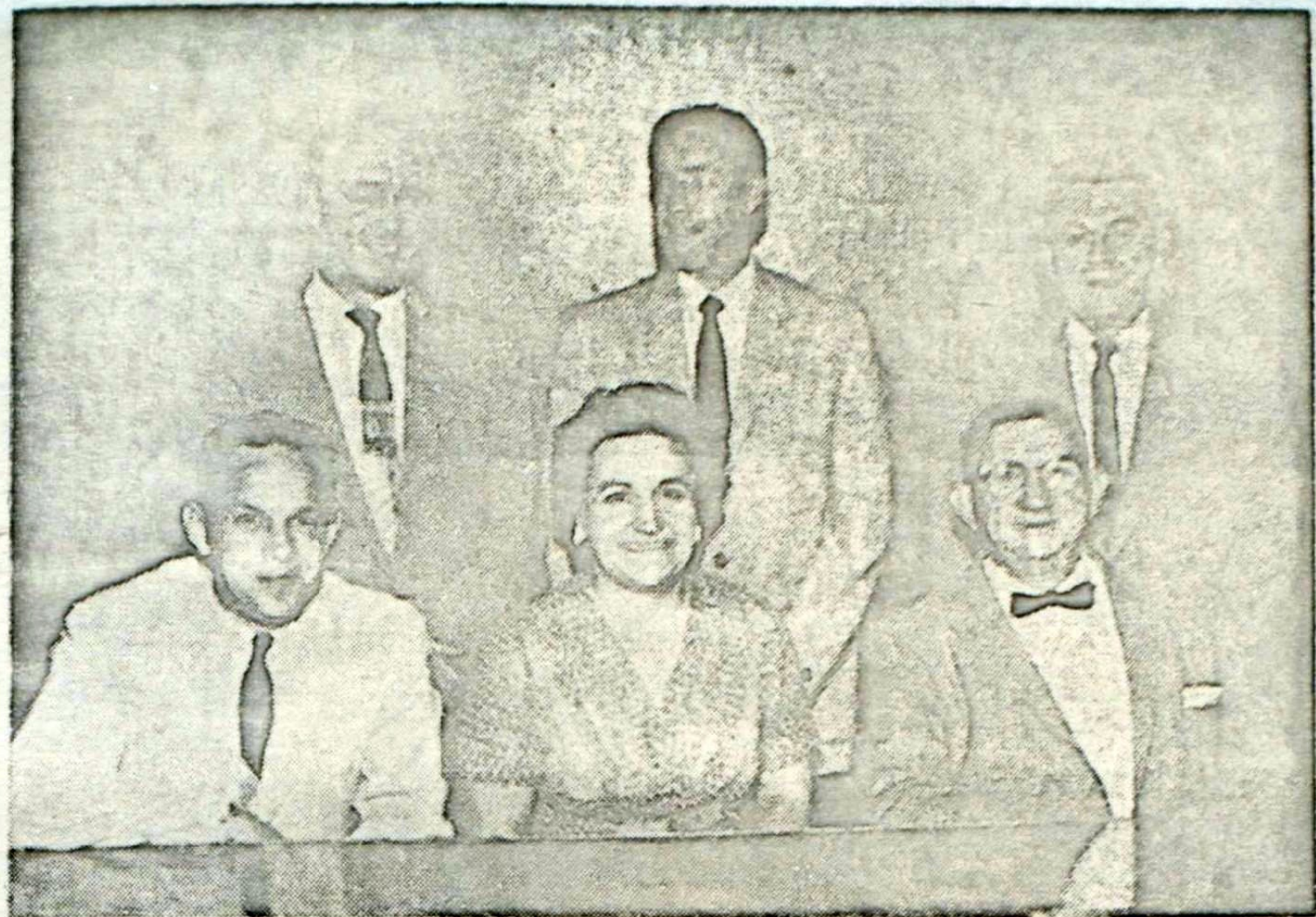
It's little to say, but, "Thank You" to all.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Louis W. Beilfuss, Chairman

Ned Van Dellen, Co-Chairman





Seated left to right: Thomas J. Murphy, Trustee; Irene F. Ketchum, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben H. Gearhart, Trustee. Standing, left to right: Donald R. Adams, Trustee and President of Board; David A. Morrow, Trustee; Ralph M. Melaven, Trustee.

## GREETINGS

In this year of our Lord 1960 we pause to render thanks to God for the blessings of the past 50 years.

We are deeply appreciative to those whose vision and foresight have been so imperative to the growth and development of Highland to its present position—Indiana's largest town and an integral cog in the Calumet Industrial Machine.

Today we are at the cross roads. Those who are the "Strength of Yesterday" have presented us with a tremendous challenge! Will we live up to the "Hope of Tomorrow"? Let us accept this challenge with determination that we will labor unceasingly to make Highland an even finer place to live.

Donald Adams, Chairman  
Town Board of Trustees



# HIGHLAND'S GLORIOUS PAST

When the last of the glaciers receded at the end of the Ice Age, a body of water, called Lake Chicago, covered the area to be later known as the Calumet Region. This area would turn out to be the fabulous farming and industrial complex of Lake County, Indiana. And destined to be the HEART of both the Calumet Region and Lake County was the garden spot of Highland, which today is the largest town in the State of Indiana.

It took centuries for the great lake to drain. The ever shifting shoreline had many beaches over the years, along one of which runs the famed Ridge Road of Highland.

French Missionaries or Explorers were the first white men to enter the beautiful land which became known as Highland, this during the 17th century. There was not any colonization at the time; the peaceful Potawatomi and Miami Indian tribes had the marvelous hunting and fishing to themselves.

Anyone could then live "Off the Land" without tilling the soil, as any and all types of animal and fowl abounded in great quantities. The forests were immense, while the marshlands were ever-choked with blueberries and cranberries.

The French-Canadians who helped with the early mapping of the Calumet Region also supplied the names for the Grand Calumet and the Little Calumet Rivers, as well as "The Region." Their term for the Indian pipe of peace—the "Calumet"—was applied to identify the area. By the way, the fishing once was plentiful in both Calumet Rivers in the "Good Old Days" of clean, clear and shining rivers.

By 1820 there were almost 150,000 people living in the State of Indiana, per the Federal census, but not one settler called Lake County-to-be his home. Truthfully, the NW section of Indiana was still being called the "Northern Swamps" as late as 1845.

An attractive young married couple, Michael and Judith Johnston, left Ohio in 1847 to settle in Bureau County, Illinois. Mrs. Johnston held a contract to teach school in our neighboring state. While passing thru Indiana, along the Calumet Beach Trail, the young couple noted the wealth of fur-bearing animals, the fish and the fowl.

Michael Johnston decided to settle in Highland. After escorting his wife to Illinois, he returned and built the first home in our town. This building, a log cabin, was erected on a high point on the Ridge, which location is now intersected by Grace Street.

Johnston acquired much land, meanwhile making his living by trapping, hunting and raising corn and wheat. Most of his trading was with Indians during their time of heavy hunting—the Fall.

Judith soon joined her husband; thus, in 1848, the couple became the first permanent settlers of Highland. Their nearest neighbors to the East were the Mundell family, who lived one-half mile East of Hobart. Their closest neighbors to the West were the family of





MICHAEL AND JUDITH JOHNSON

Allen Brass, owners of the Brass Tavern. This refreshment spot was an inn built where Ridge Road and Columbia now intersect, in the Town of Munster.

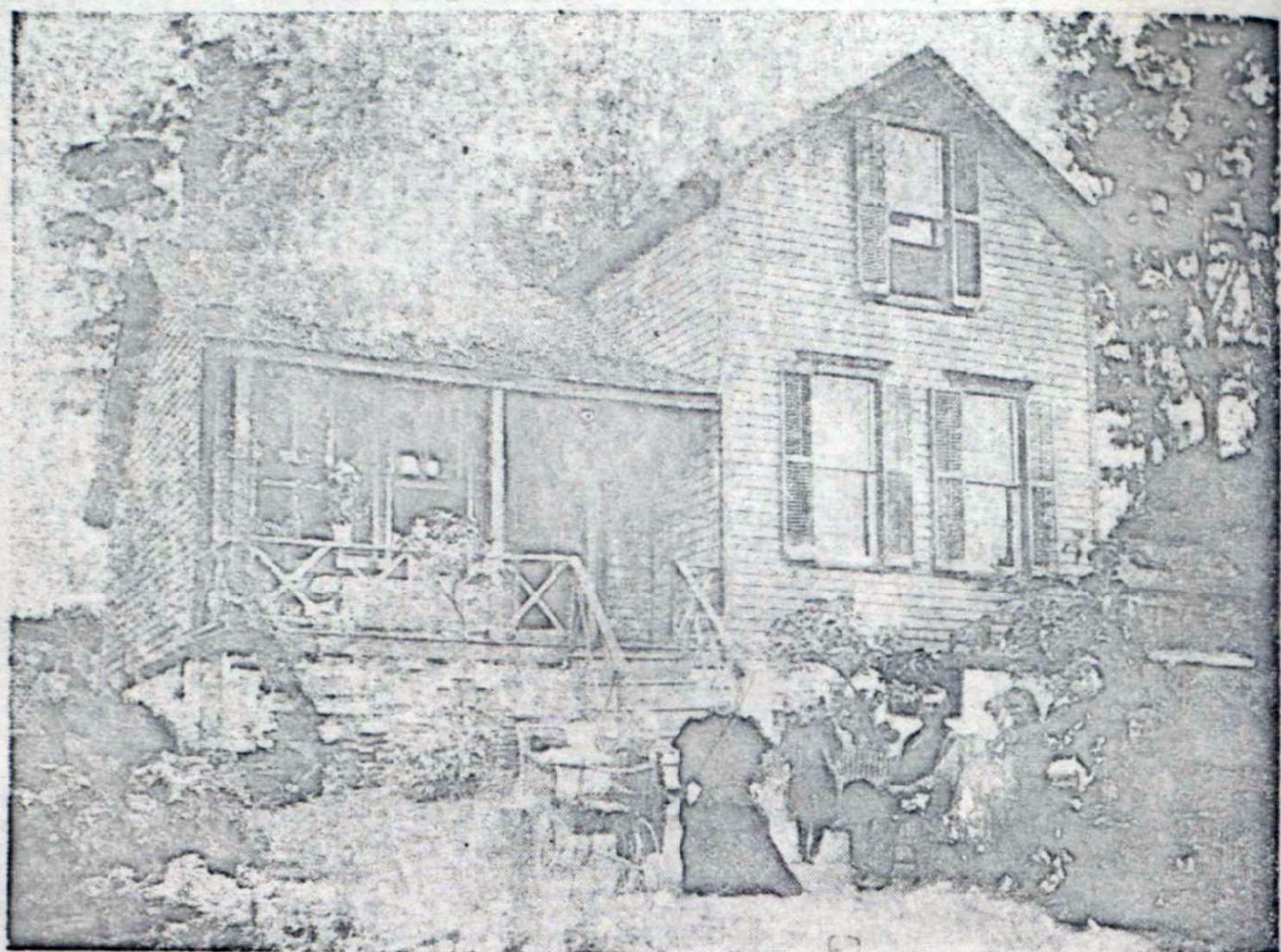
The Johnstons had one child, their son Rod, who spent his lifetime in Highland. Rod married, with the issue being four children. The family line continued thru the four, who are remembered as Mrs. Grace Johnston Douthett, Mrs. Daisy Johnston Jamieson, Mrs. Iola Johnston Jansen and Wilton Johnston.

Third, fourth and fifth generation members still live in Highland, with Percy Jansen being the most widely known. Michael and Judith died in Highland in 1905 and 1906, respectively, having lived continuously in Highland since the arrival in 1848.

More settlers followed the Johnstons. A school was needed, so Judith opened her home to the eager pupils, becoming the first teacher in Highland. She taught for eleven years. (NOTE: One of Highland's five public grade schools, the Judith Johnston School, is named in her honor.)

The first school building as such was built in 1860 on the South Side of Ridge Road near Liable Road. Each pupil had a stool, but not a desk. A larger school was built in 1884 on Highway Avenue. This second school is today located on Ridge Road, and serves as a private home.





This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zyp, and their seven daughters, was taken in 1898.

The baby girl in the buggy is Johanna (Mrs. Herman Porter), with Myrtle (Mrs. John Broertjes) standing to the right of her mother. Next is Mrs. Zyp, and to her left is Maggie (deceased—Mrs. R. Huizenga). Mr. Zyp is seated, with Nellie (Mrs. David Moes) to his right.

Gertrude (deceased—Mrs. Van Kley) is standing on the right side of the picture with Mary (Mrs. Mary Blink) seated on the far right. The tiny one standing in front of Gertrude is Kate (Mrs. Jacob Groot).

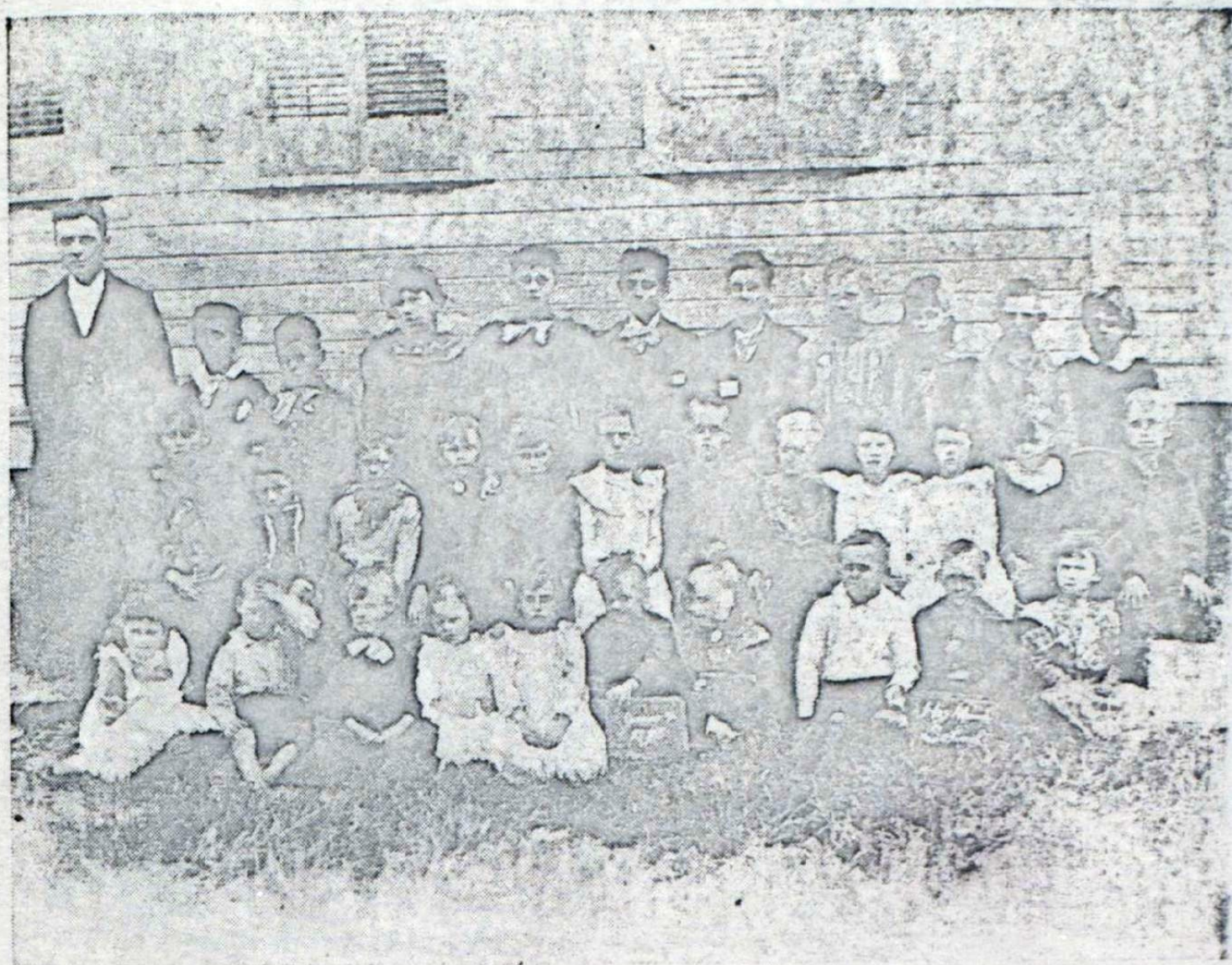
The third school building, the present Town Hall, was built in 1897. By 1915 this was too small for the ever-growing enrollment (and doesn't history repeat itself?), so Main School was built. This latter school was enlarged in 1925, with a second addition completed in 1939.

A second elementary school was built in 1947, bearing the name of Lincoln School. Long before this, however, the first parochial school was established by members of the First Christian Church, opening for the first time on November 10, 1909.

Highland's first congregation dedicated its house of worship, the Peoples Church of Highland, on June 3, 1900. Today there are ten churches in town.

During the early days, there was much traffic in land, with outsiders bearing such familiar names as Clough, Hart, Burns, and Wicker, buying up large tracts of swampland. These men were pro-





### STUDENT BODY—1895 HIGHLAND PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOL

Pictures through courtesy of Mrs. Mary Blink—in picture as Mary Zyp  
Bottom Row, L. to R.—Sylvia Newell, Percy Jansen, Bertha Pluister (Mrs. De Groot), Carrie Jansen, Clara Jansen (Mrs. Kanick), Nell Zyp (Mrs. David Moes) Maggie Zyp—deceased (Mrs. Dick Huizenga), Arnie Stonebreaker—deceased, Peter Jansen, Mildred Jansen (Mrs. Merkley).

Middle Row, L. to R.—Mary Zyp (Mrs. Ben Blink), Kate Kickert (deceased—Mrs. Krooswyk), Dingamen Wiers, Jennie Wiers (Mrs. Ritterhof), Anna Munster, Mary Jansen, Dick Jansen, Eddie Munster, Pearl Jansen (Mrs. Miller), Ruby Jansen (Mrs. John Christenson), Anna VanderTuuk (Mrs. Otto), Cornelius VanderTuuk.

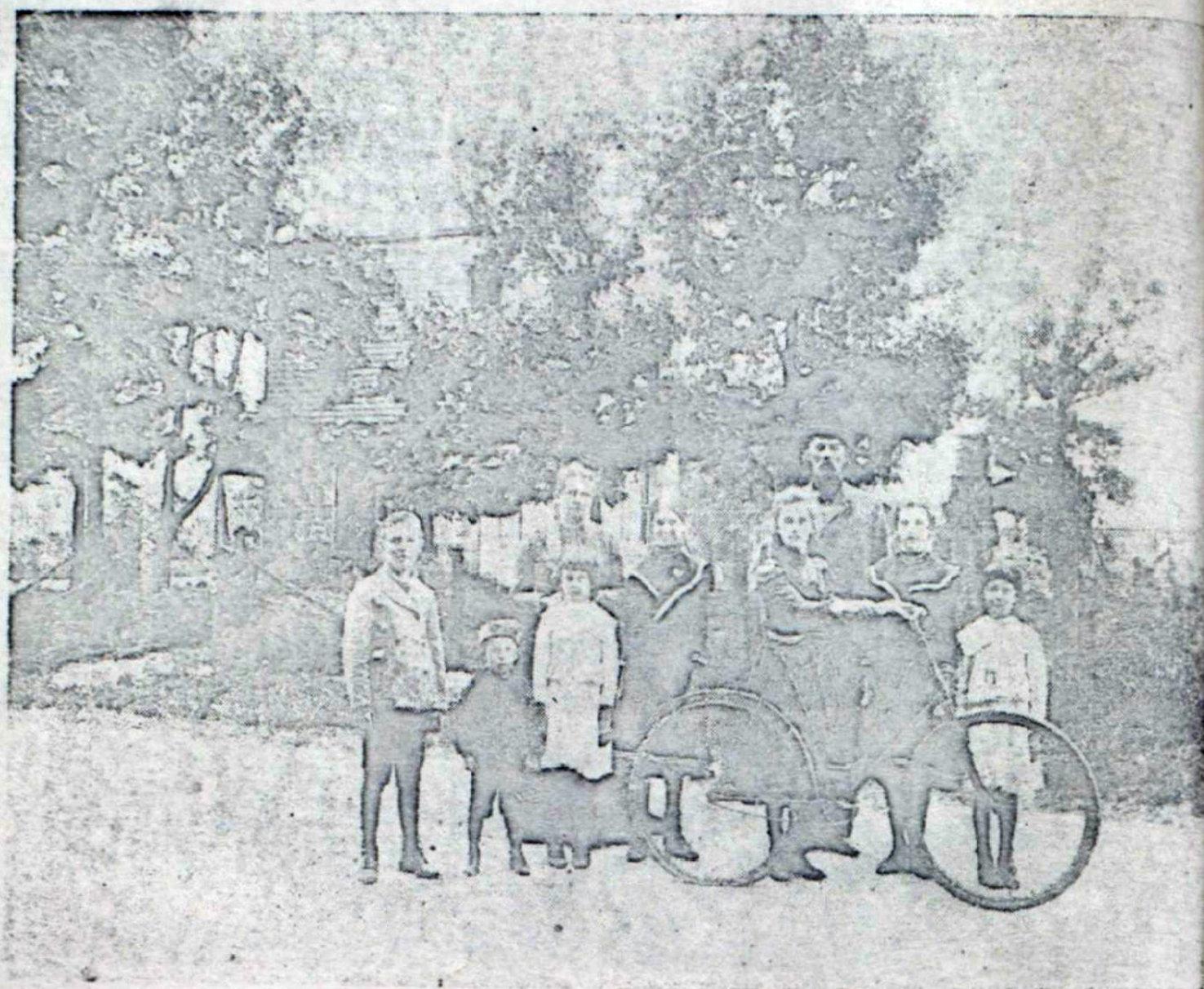
Top Row, L. to R.—TEACHER, Charles Houk—deceased, Roy Stonebreaker—deceased, Cornelius Kickert, Dorothy Kickert—deceased, Jessie Newell, George Stonebreaker, Wilten Jansen—deceased, Florence Pluister, Gertie Zyp—deceased (Mrs. Van Kley), Bill Jansen—deceased, Bert Stonebreaker—deceased.

gressive thinkers, in that it was soon decided to dig a series of ditch to drain the land, the object being more productive farm acreage.

Yet during this period the familiar landmark, the Ridge, almost disappeared, as land was sold for fill. Too many trees were felled for lumber, to be used in the building of homes for another well known community, that of Chicago.

It is interesting to note that Highland also had a great fire in 1871, the blaze starting one day before the even greater fire in Chicago—as started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow. Highland's fire was fueled





Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jansen and family, with the picture taken in 1900. Left to Right: (the children's names only) Percy, Mike, Carrie, Pearl, Millie, Ruby and Clara. The building behind the cycle-minded family is today owned by Mrs. William Bassow, who operated a grocery store for many years in this building.

by the peat bogs, and lasted all Winter—until the Spring rains ended the earth scorching.

Communication with the outside world was poor for the first Highlanders, who had to depend on the telegraph facilities of the Brass Tavern. The alternative for messages was the nearest post-office, located at Gibson. Then the railroads came, greatly improving both transportation and communication.

In 1883 the surveyors of the Erie Railroad, after traveling weary miles over level terrain, reached the high ground. When they climbed the Ridge it was almost automatic that these hardy men would thereafter call the town-to-be, HIGHLAND.

April 30, 1884 marks the date for the filing and recording of the original plat of the Town of Highland. This plat covered an area of five square blocks centered by the RR station. North-South streets were First thru Fifth, while the East-West streets were named Highway, Jewett, Wicker, Clough and Lincoln. Other streets bearing the



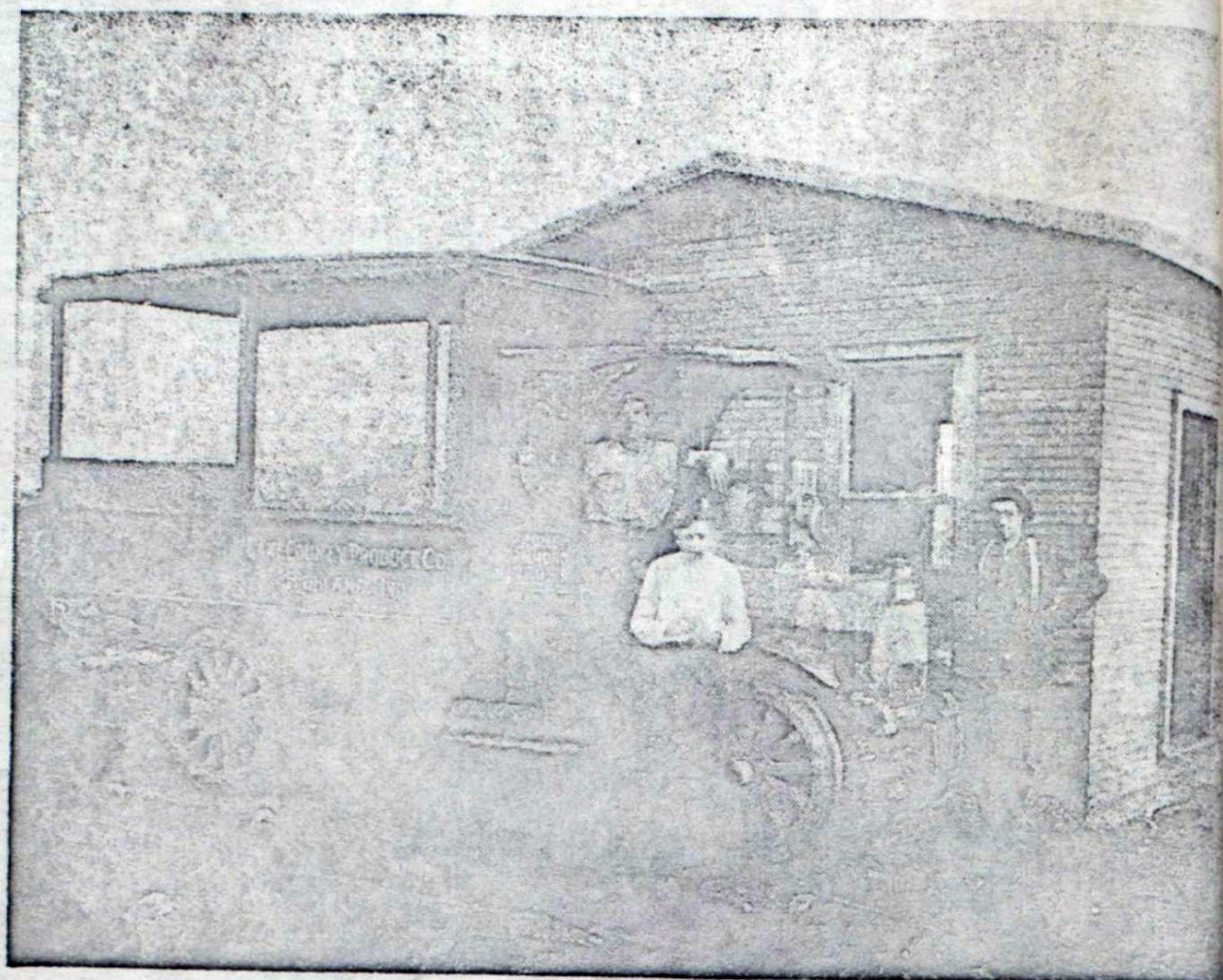


Pupils pouring out of the present Town Hall building, back in the days when this building—erected in 1897—was used as an institution of learning. The picture was taken sometime after 1900.

names of early settlers included Grace, Wirth, Liable, Johnston and Condit.

Immigrants from Holland arrived in Highland in 1890 as ten farmers. These people soon proved to be experienced truck farmers on a grand scale. As much as 100 tons of cabbage used to be cut one day to satisfy the demands of our first industry, a kraut factory.





This picture, taken in 1912, shows the "Weighing In" ceremonies for a Highland Produce Company Truck on the scales of the Kraut Works. The factory was located behind, and to the right, of the office shown in the picture. Left to Right: John Molenaar, Otto Schmidt—now living in the State of Washington—and John Eriks.

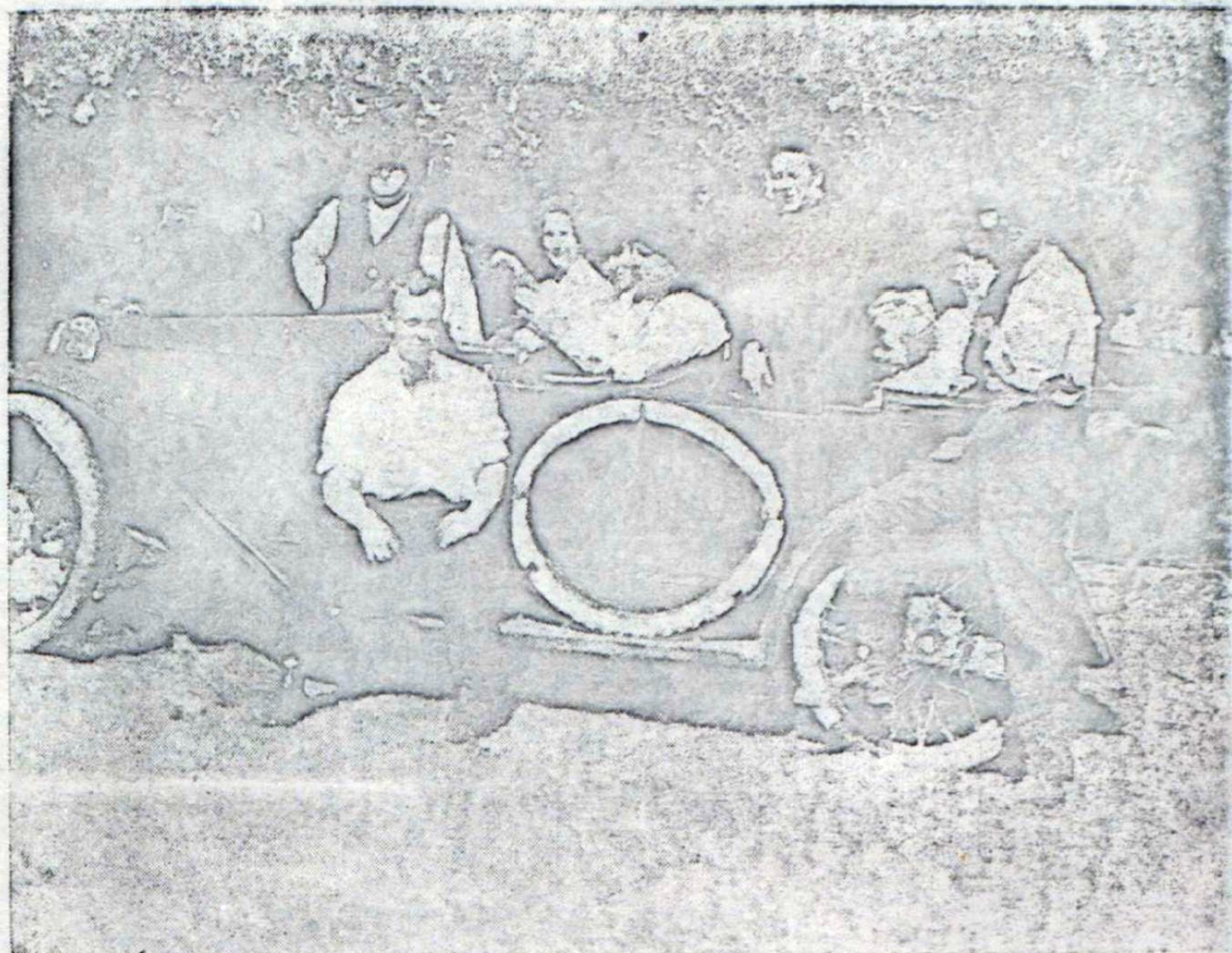
There were days in which over 100 wagons would be lined up at the kraut works, all waiting to unload. Hundreds of carloads of red onions, destined for consumption in Southern States, used to leave Highland during the harvest time.

Other industries, all started early in the 20th century, included a second kraut factory, which was organized by the farmers who had formed the Lake County Produce Company. Highland also once had a brick factory and a cement block company, both long since closed.

*There were exactly 304 people in Highland when the Town was incorporated in 1910. Today the population of the largest town in the State is well over 17,000. The first Board of Trustees took office in 1912.*

The first bank bore the title of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. It opened in 1914 and closed eighteen years later. This institution was





George Stonebreaker, once a Street Commissioner for the Town of Highland, is shown in a 1918 picture. He is the one driving, while Mrs. Willie Stonebreaker, Jr., and Mrs. Bill Stonebreaker are seated beside the driver. Standing in the front is Bill Stonebreaker (deceased), with Willie Stonebreaker seated on the running board.

Jack Merritt (deceased) is standing in the rear of the car, while Arnold Stonebreaker Sr., (deceased) is standing by the left rear fender. Seated in back are Mrs. Arnold Stonebreaker (deceased) and her children—Irene, Arnold and Eloise.

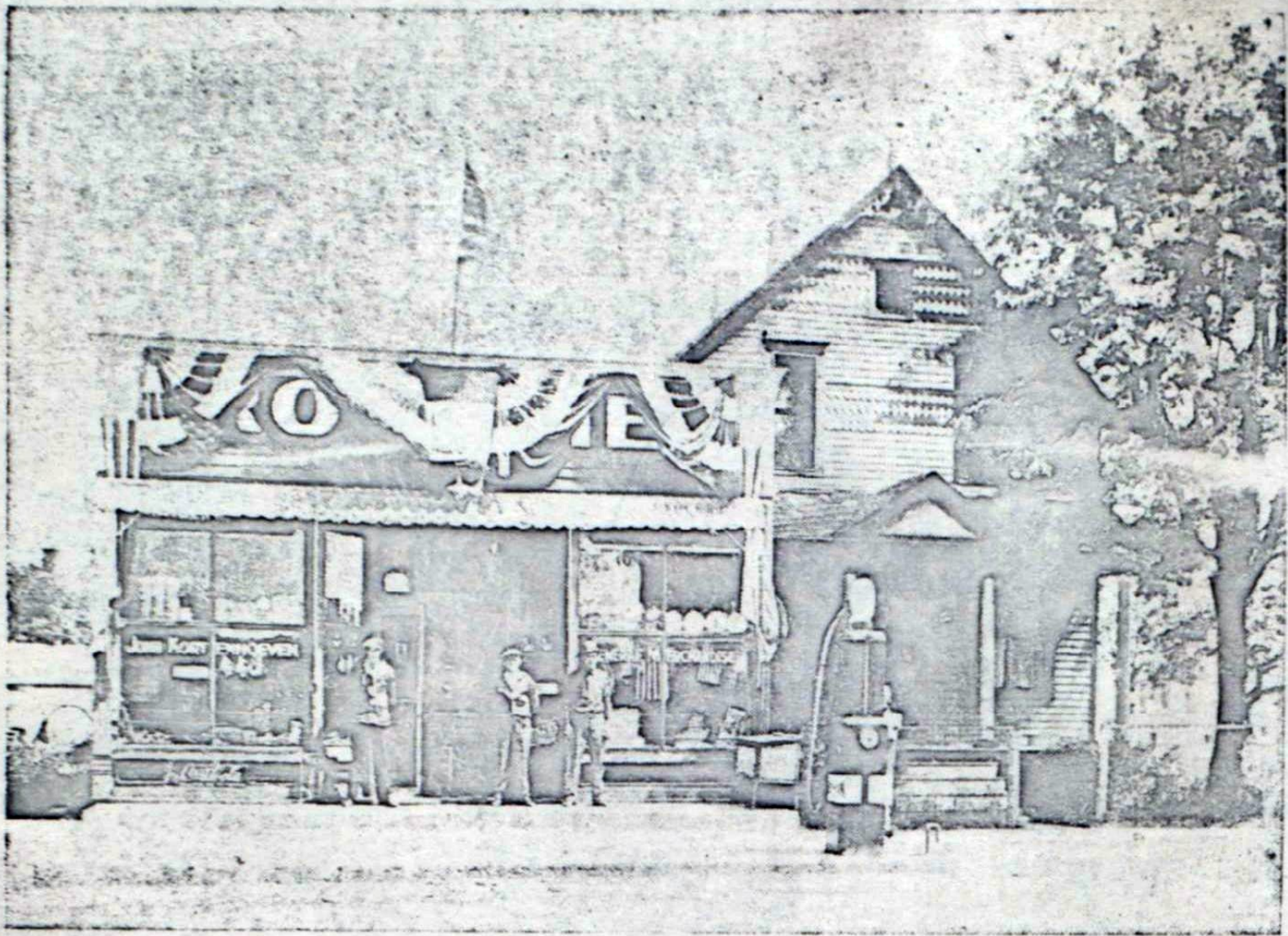
Arnold Stonebreaker, Sr., was also once a Street Commissioner for the town of Highland.

located at the NE corner of Highway and Kennedy, and is today the location of a furniture store.

During 1925 a movement was started by many prominent men of Lake County to provide a fitting memorial to honor the memory of the men who had died in World War I. Such men as Murray Turner of Hammond along with Walter Wicker and Olaf Langeley of Highland, went to work to preserve the last great stand of timber in the area.

A special act of the Indiana legislature led to the dedication of Wicker Park by President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge in 1927. The Town of Highland was decorated for this great affair as never before.





Look closely at this picture—it does not look like Jake Witvliet's Clover Farm Store as we know it in 1960. It's the same store, only we show it as it looked in 1927—with the store front all decorated up for President Calvin Coolidge's visit to Highland to dedicate Wicker Park.

1927—and this store was a general merchandise and grocery establishment as owned and operated by Jon Kortenhoeven. Please note the small sign to the left of the man in the middle. This sign reads as follows: "Save Our Red Trading Stamps."

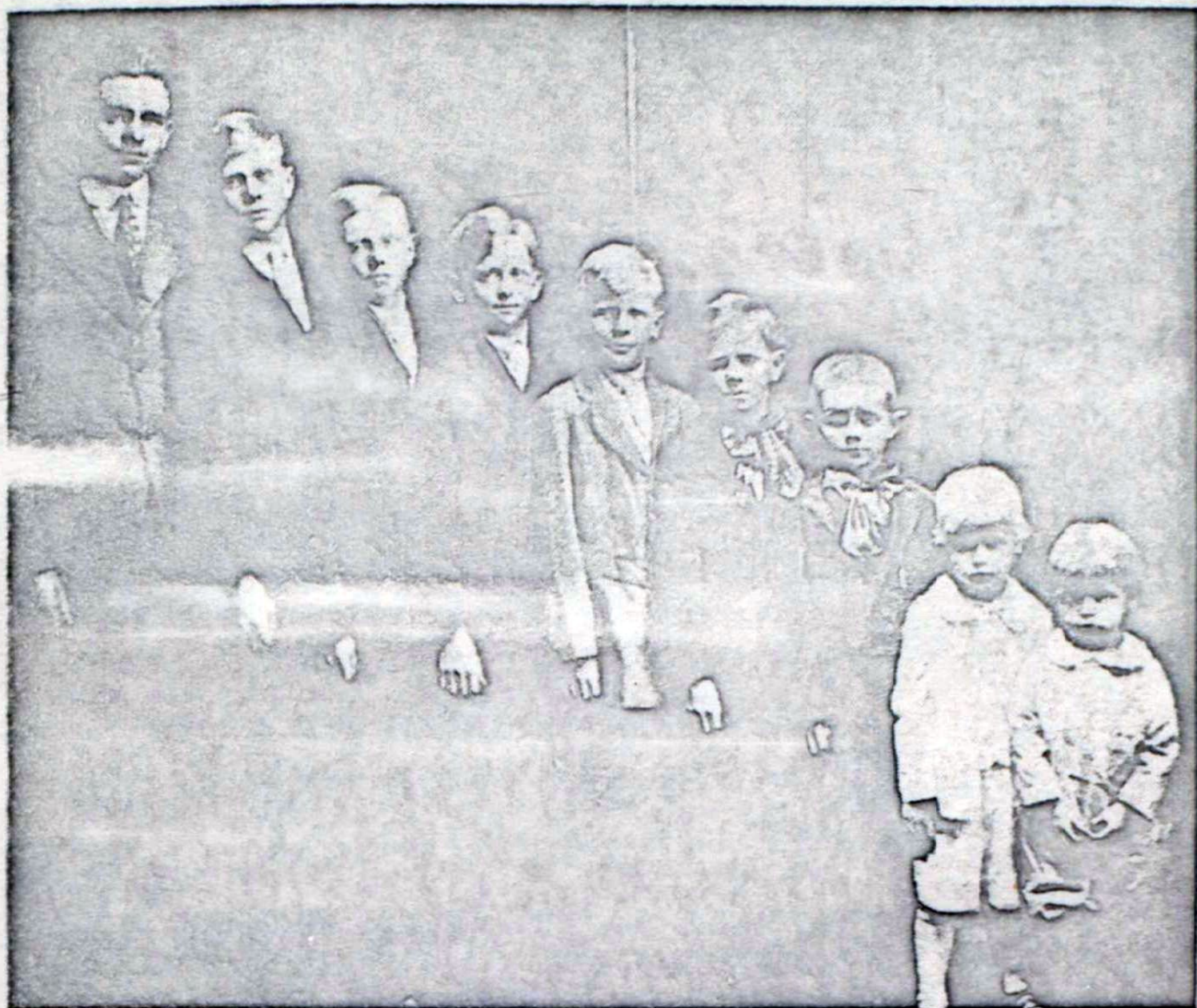
Left to right are: John Witvliet (Jake's father), John Kortenhoeven and Jake Kortenhoeven.

or since, with the exception of this 1960 Semi-Centennial. Wicker Park, once known as "Maulby's Woods" or the "Wicker Pasture", was disannexed from Highland. It is not properly within the town limits, and falls entirely under the jurisdiction of the North Township Trustee.

Highland Library, which serves as a Memorial to the fallen of World War Two, was made possible through the civic-minded efforts of many of our citizens, spearheaded by the fund-raising of the Lions Club. Today the library is supported by tax levy.

1960—and we find that Highland has grown to an area now comprising seven and one-half square miles. The Town has many stores





The nine sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bartel H. Zandstra are. Left to Right: Nicholas (deceased), Johannes, Charles, Jacob, Bartel, John, Arnold, William and Garrett. The youngest, Garrett, is the owner of Zandstra's Fruit Market, while Bartel was once a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor for the State of Indiana.

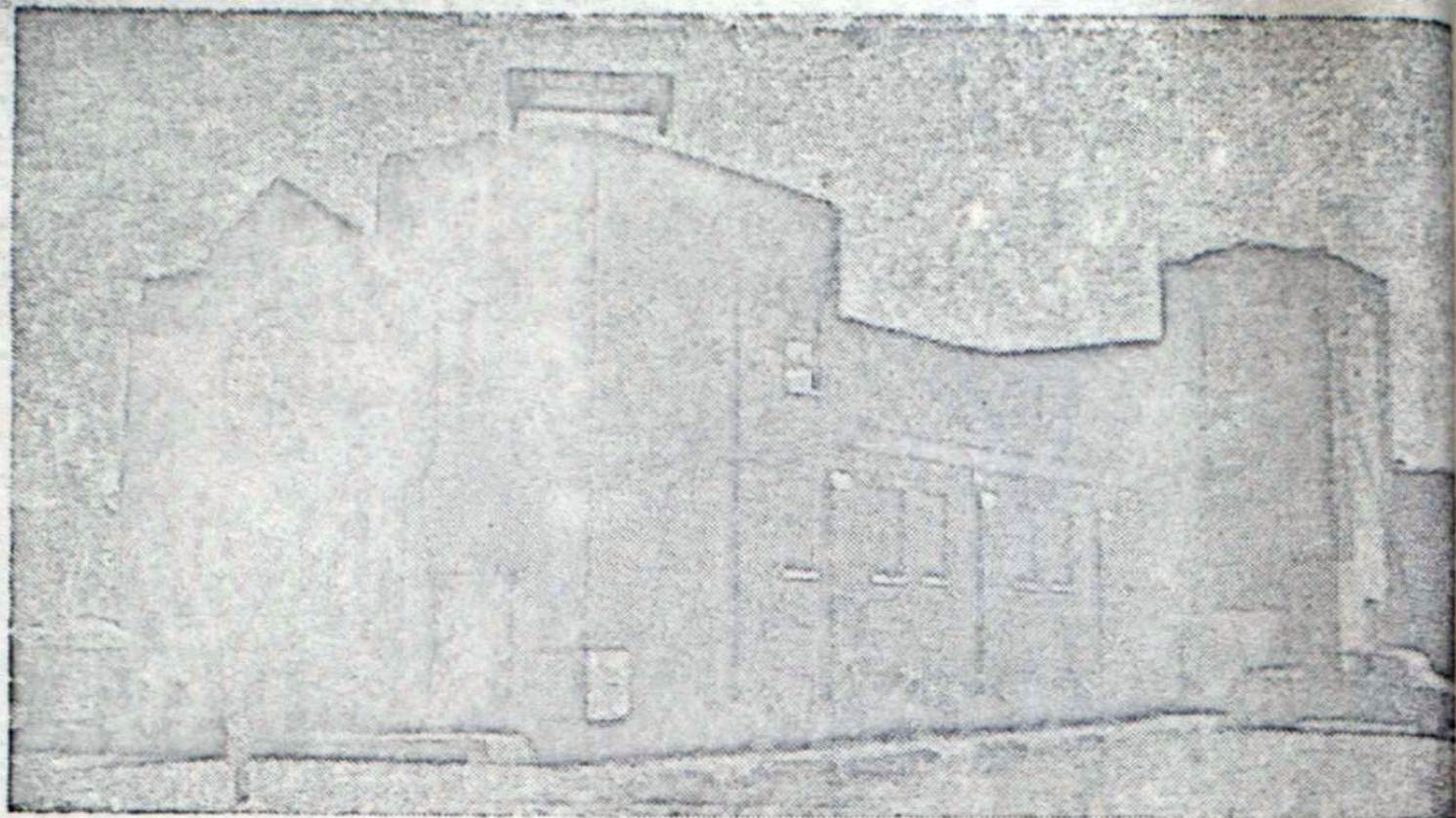
and much light industry, and may still boast of at least one 1000-acre farm, that of the Zandstra family.

1960—and schools now number eight. There is the constantly expanding public High School, and there are five public grade schools to serve every section of the growing town. There exist two parochial schools, Highland Christian and Our Lady of Grace Catholic, and more schools are in the planning stage.

Highland is a Town of Churches. Ten churches serve the religious needs of our citizens, with two of the ten planning on erecting their own buildings during 1960 or 1961.

Highland is Indiana's largest and most important town, one with a glorious past and a glowing future. Highland's history is such that we may well give thanks to Almighty God for our many blessings.





## HIGHLAND, INDIANA

*A Community of Churches*

### Calvary Baptist Church

A group of Highland citizens met on September 18, 1899, in the Town Hall to discuss plans for organizing a church. Mr. R. M. Douthett was chosen president of the meeting. It was voted to call the church the Union Church of Highland. Mr. Douthett was appointed chairman of the building committee, with members, Jacob Schoon, Z. E. Newcombe, Jesse Stonebreaker, Mr. Groenendyke and Mrs. Rhoda Johnston. The name was changed to the People's Church in October of 1899.

A building was constructed on ground donated by Mrs. Susan Clough. The church was dedicated on June 3, 1900. Then, in July of 1908, the name was changed to the First Congregational Church.

In January, 1934 the name of the church was changed to the Calvary Baptist Church; however, the name was not legally changed until 1937. On May 3, 1943 the church board voted to join the General Association of Regular Baptists, with church approval received on May 9, 1943.

Easter Sunday, 1950, marked the date when the congregation moved into their new church at the corner of Highway Avenue and Cottage Grove, although the first service in the new sanctuary was not held until January 28, 1951. The educational wing was completed in 1956.

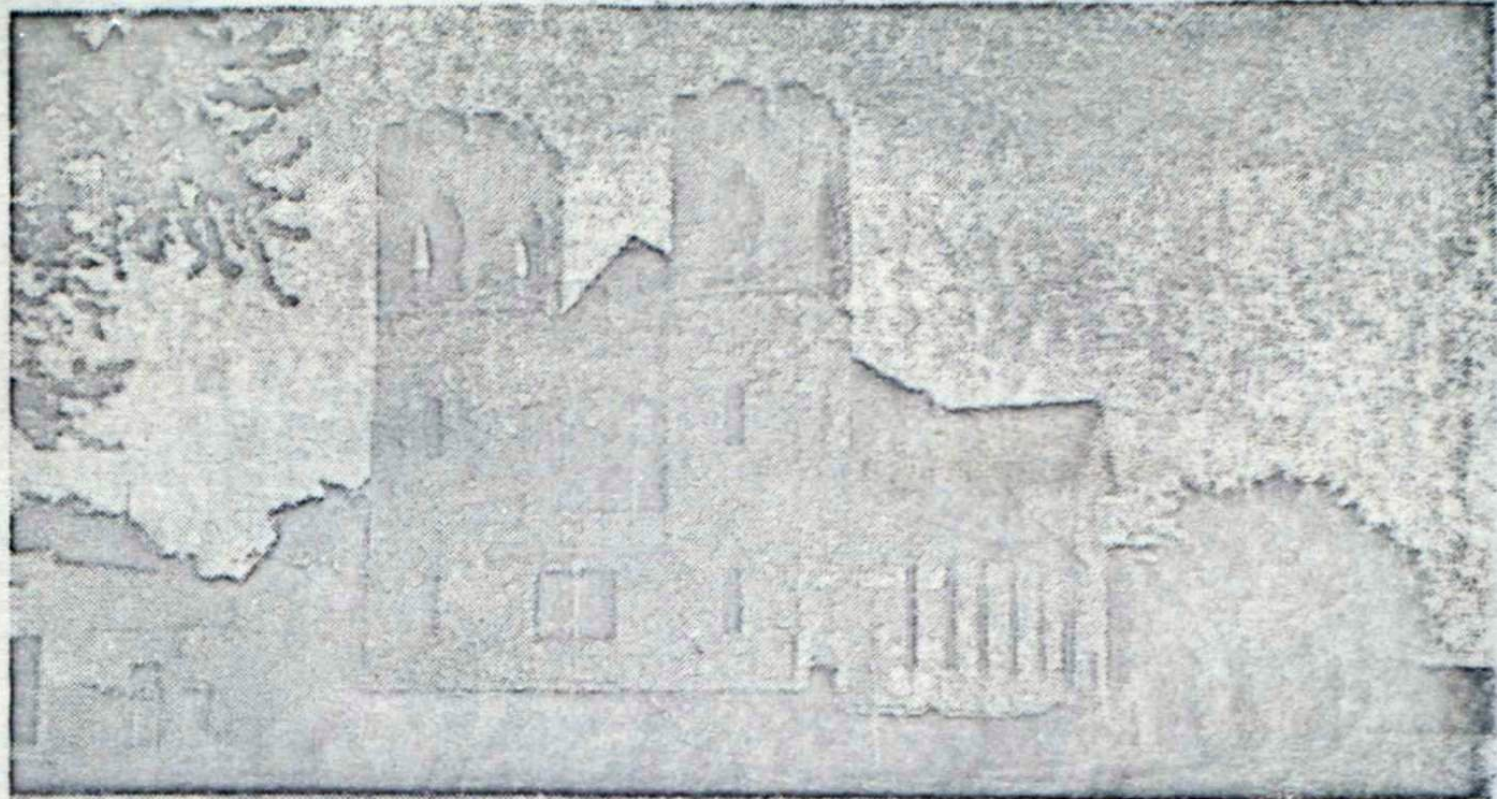
Rev. G. S. Hamilton, Pastor

#### Order of Services

Sunday— 9:30 a.m. - Bible School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. - Youth Groups  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Services





## First Christian Reformed Church

Highland First Christian Reformed Church was formally organized on April 28, 1908, with a membership of 37 families and 3 individuals. The first Elders were Homer DeJong, John Moes and Ike Van Til. Deacons were Gerrit Eriks, Klaas Kortenhoeven and Duur Vander Wall.

On May 1, 1908 it was decided to buy ground for a new church and parsonage from Mr. Burns and papers of incorporation were signed May 14 by 46 male communicant members. Frank Porter and John Eriks were appointed to act with the consistory as a building committee and the new church was dedicated on November 18, 1908.

Rev. J. M. Byleveld was installed as the first minister January 24, 1909.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation was celebrated during the pastorage of Dr. M. Van Dyke in 1933 and at that time there were 640 members.

The church was moved east of the original location, enlarged and the basement added. Dedication of the enlarged building was on January 9, 1940. In 1952, after a new parsonage was built at Fourth and Garfield streets, steps were taken to organize a second congregation. Rev. J. C. Scholten, the present minister, came to Highland in January, 1957 and the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in April, 1958.

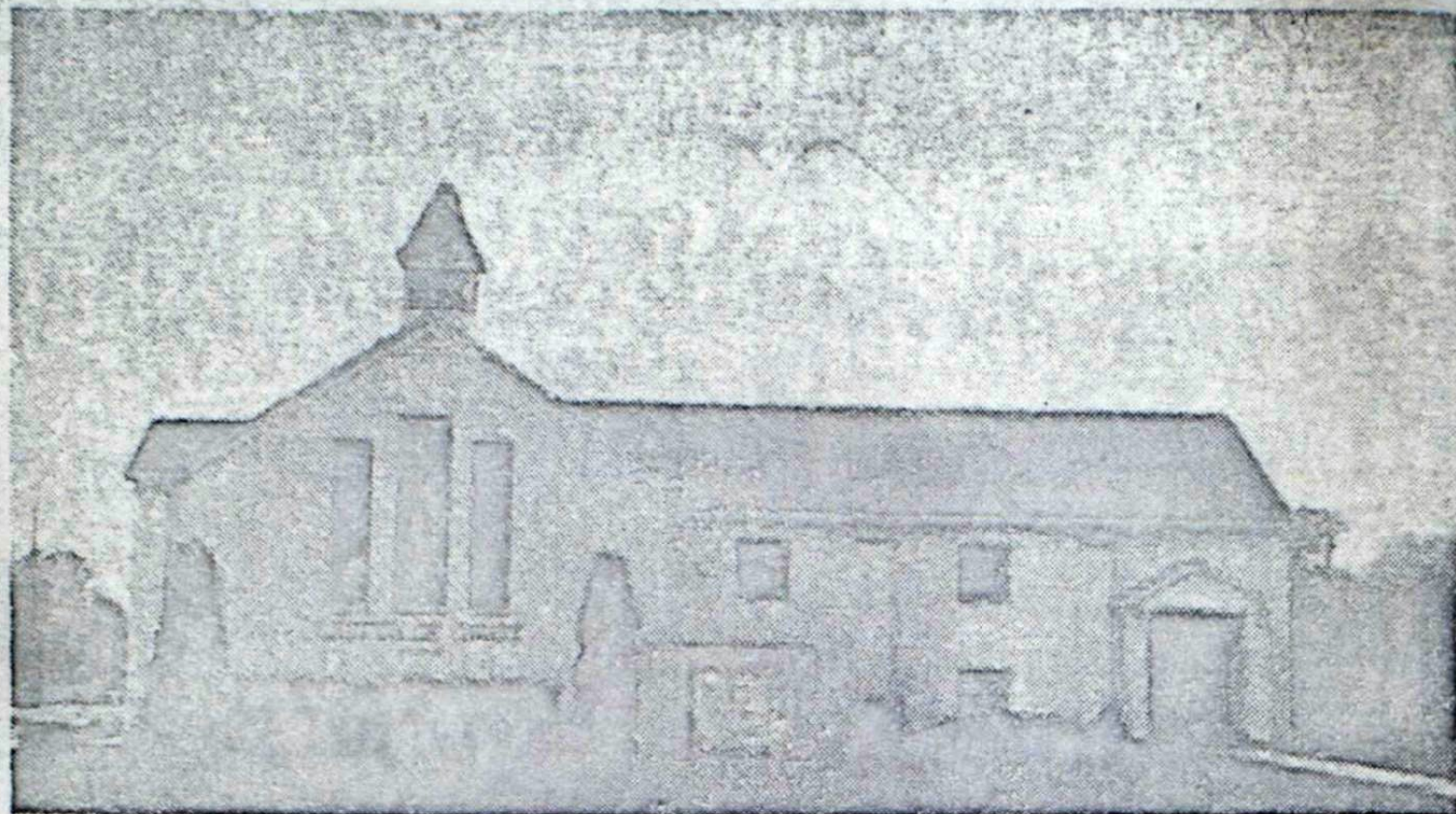
The congregation, looking forward to future expansion, has purchased ground at the corner of Grace Street and Lincoln Street for a new building site.

Rev. J. C. Scholten, Pastor

### Order of Services

Sunday Services.....9:30 A.M.	Sunday School.....10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Services.....	7:00 P.M.





## First Church of Christ

A group of eleven people from the Indiana Harbor church met in Highland in February 1945 with the desire of organizing a church in the community. This group met in various homes in Highland, and later in the town hall.

The small group organized as the Highland First Christian Church with the charter being opened on January 27, 1946 and closed on February 24, 1946 with thirty-two charter members.

In May of 1946 the group, now increased to forty, purchased lots on Lincoln Street at Schneider, on which to erect a house of worship. Actual building was begun in August 1948 and the first unit of a three-unit building was dedicated on August 23, 1949.

In the spring of 1949 the congregation voted to change its name from the First Christian Church to the First Church of Christ.

Mr. Fred O. Blakely came to the church in October 1945 as its minister serving through its building and growing pains. He closed his ministry October 1, 1949.

Mr. Elden King, a student at Lincoln Bible Institute, served the church until August 1950.

Mr. Willard Eckroth, the present minister, began his work with the congregation on November 1, 1950. The church purchased the home at 3518 Highway Avenue for the parsonage. The church has grown and a second unit of the building was added and dedicated on September 25, 1955. Plans are now under way to erect the third and final unit of the house of worship.

### ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Evening Service	7:30 P.M.



Highland Golden Jubilee Committee

Presents

# "HIGHLAND'S GOLDEN YEARS"

*A Pageant Depicting the  
History of the Town of Highland*

*by*

*Sally Remaley*

Highland Christian School Grounds, Highland, Indiana

September 16, 17      7:30 P.M.

*Under the Direction of John Preston*

*Narrated by:*

Michael Kruglinski

Eugene Truman

Terry Loane

Mrs. Walter Ray

Tommy Truman

Mrs. William Klem ..... Organist



# "HIGHLAND'S GOLDEN YEARS"

## THE PROLOGUE:

*Featuring . . .*

The Leonard Sporman Memorial Post 1109,  
VFW Color Guard, and  
The Highland High School Band, and

*Saluting . . .*

The Civic and Fraternal Organizations of Highland

## EPISODE ONE:

What Does It Take To Build A Town?

*Presenting . . .*

The Jubilee Juniores  
Representatives of the Crafts and Trades,  
the Businesses and Professions that  
contributed to the development of our Town.

*Saluting . . .*

The Home and Family, the cornerstone of Highland.

## EPISODE TWO:

Arrival of the Johnstons

*Featuring . . .*

An authentic Indian dance by Boy Scout Troop 79

*Re-enacting . . .*

the arrival of Michael and Judith Johnston,  
the first white settlers of Highland.

## EPISODE THREE:

The Three R's

*Featuring . . .*

The Children's Civic Chorus in a comic scene  
in the first Highland School House in 1860.

## EPISODE FOUR:

The Big Land Boom

*Depicting . . .*

The surveyors who plotted our Town and, honoring  
by names, the original Pioneer settlers of Highland.

## EPISODE FIVE:

The Kaleidoscope Changes

*Presenting . . .*

Highland children representing the various nationality  
groups of our citizenry in song and folk dance,  
and the Highland massed chorus.

*Paying tribute to . . .*

Our religious heritage and the churches of Highland.



# "HIGHLAND'S GOLDEN YEARS"

## EPISODE SIX:

### War Between the States

*Remembering . . .*

The men of our area who gave their lives in the Civil War

*Featuring . . .*

the Highland Massed Chorus.

## EPISODE SEVEN:

### The Heartbreak Is Over

*Portraying . . .*

A box social during the post war days of our town,

*Featuring . . .*

Citizens of Highland performing in various square dances.

## EPISODE EIGHT:

### The Gay 90's

*Reenacting . . .*

A typical 4th of July Picnic in the 90's

*Featuring . . .*

A bicycle built for two, a comic cop, a Barbershop quartet, fireworks, and Floradora Girls in a Gay 90's revue.

## EPISODE NINE:

### Birth Of A New Town

*Relating . . .*

The history of the incorporation of Highland, and

*Featuring . . .*

the Jubilee Juniorettes portraying the tremendous population rise in Highland.

## EPISODE TEN:

### We'll Not Forget

*Remembering . . .*

The first and second World Wars.

## EPISODE ELEVEN:

### Salute To Our Veterans

*Saluting . . .*

our Highland Veterans and

*Depicting . . .*

the Flag Raising on Iwo Jima.

## FINALE:

*Featuring . . .*

the entire cast and an anthem by the Highland Massed Chorus.



# HIGHLAND PAGEANT COMMITTEE

## *Chairman*

Mrs. Carl Schlueter

## *Co-Chairmen*

Mrs. Randy Sheets

Mrs. Russell Shacklett

## *Director*

Mr. John Preston

## *Massed Chorus Director*

Mrs. E. Boersma

Mrs. B. Beilfuss

## *Band Director*

Mr. Edwin Kibiger

## *Children's Choir Director*

Mrs. Paul Schwan

Mrs. John Vanderzee

## *Staging*

Mr. Nick Schoon, Jr.

## *Choreography*

Mrs. Eugene Truman

Mr. Walter Lohse

Miss Joan Pitstick

## *Costumes*

Mrs. Michael Papendick

Mrs. Charles Brown

Mrs. John Swart

Mrs. Carl Jemenko

Mrs. Thomas McDermott

## *Make-Up*

Mrs. Wayne Kletzing

## *Accompanist*

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## *Lighting*

Mr. Roscoe Smeltzer

## *Casting*

Mrs. Luverne Straka

Mr. Terry Loane

## *Program*

Miss Virginia Lakatos

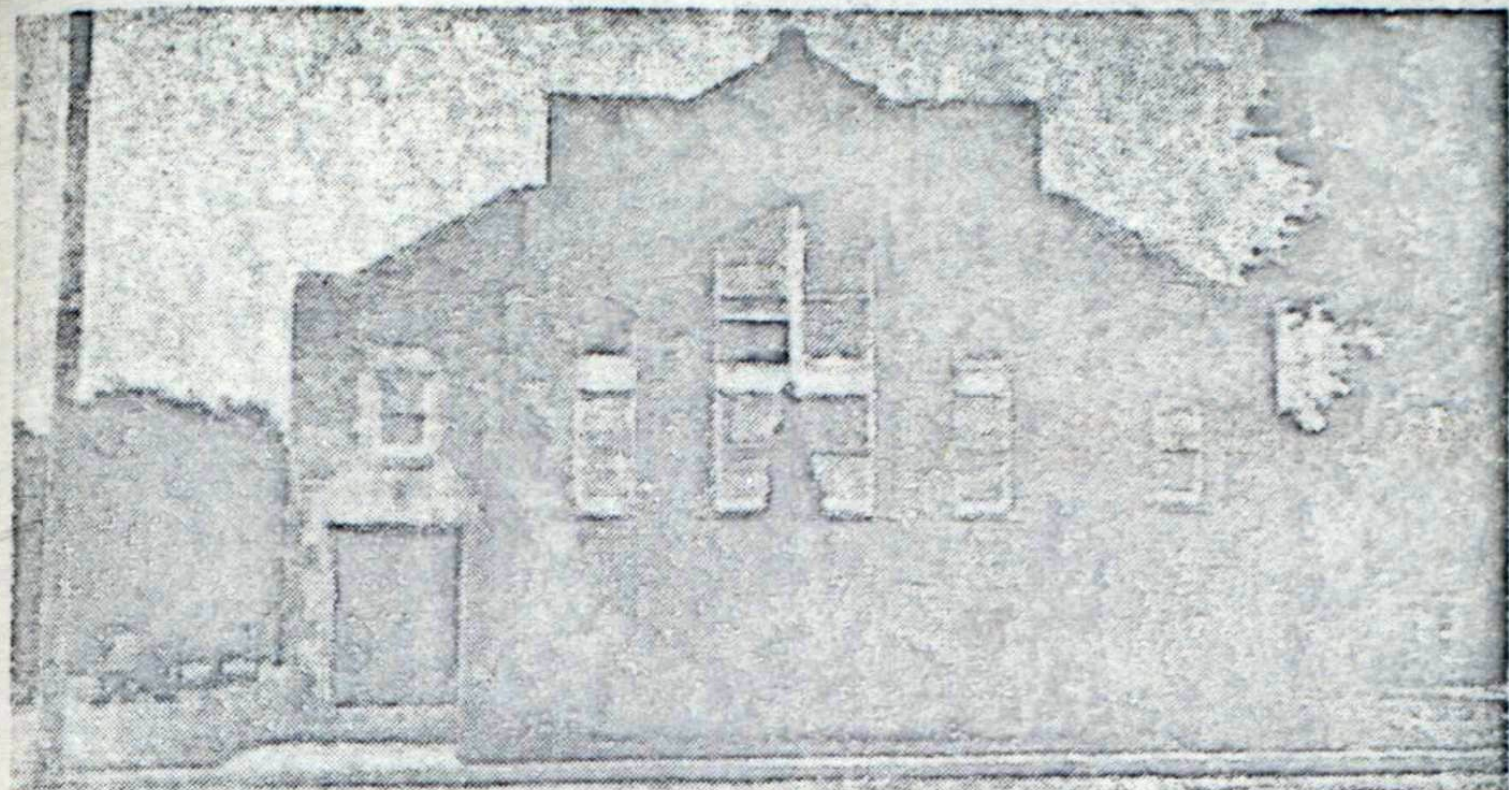
## *Ushering*

James Baker

Lowery Organ, compliments of Hal Morris Music Studio. Stage and Risers by special arrangement with Safway Scaffolds.

Loud Speaker System Courtesy of Van's TV and Appliance





## First Church of the Nazarene

In 1940, Rev. Mrs. Florence Lewis opened her home for Sunday school and church services, and in a few weeks the small group started a fund for the building of a church. Rev. Lewis led the congregation from 1940 until 1947, during which the church at Kennedy and Condit was erected.

Rev. C. C. White was pastor until 1949 when Rev. A. O. Fisher came to Highland and served the congregation until 1952. During the ministry of Rev. Robert Griffin, 1952-1957, he built the parsonage on Franklin Street.

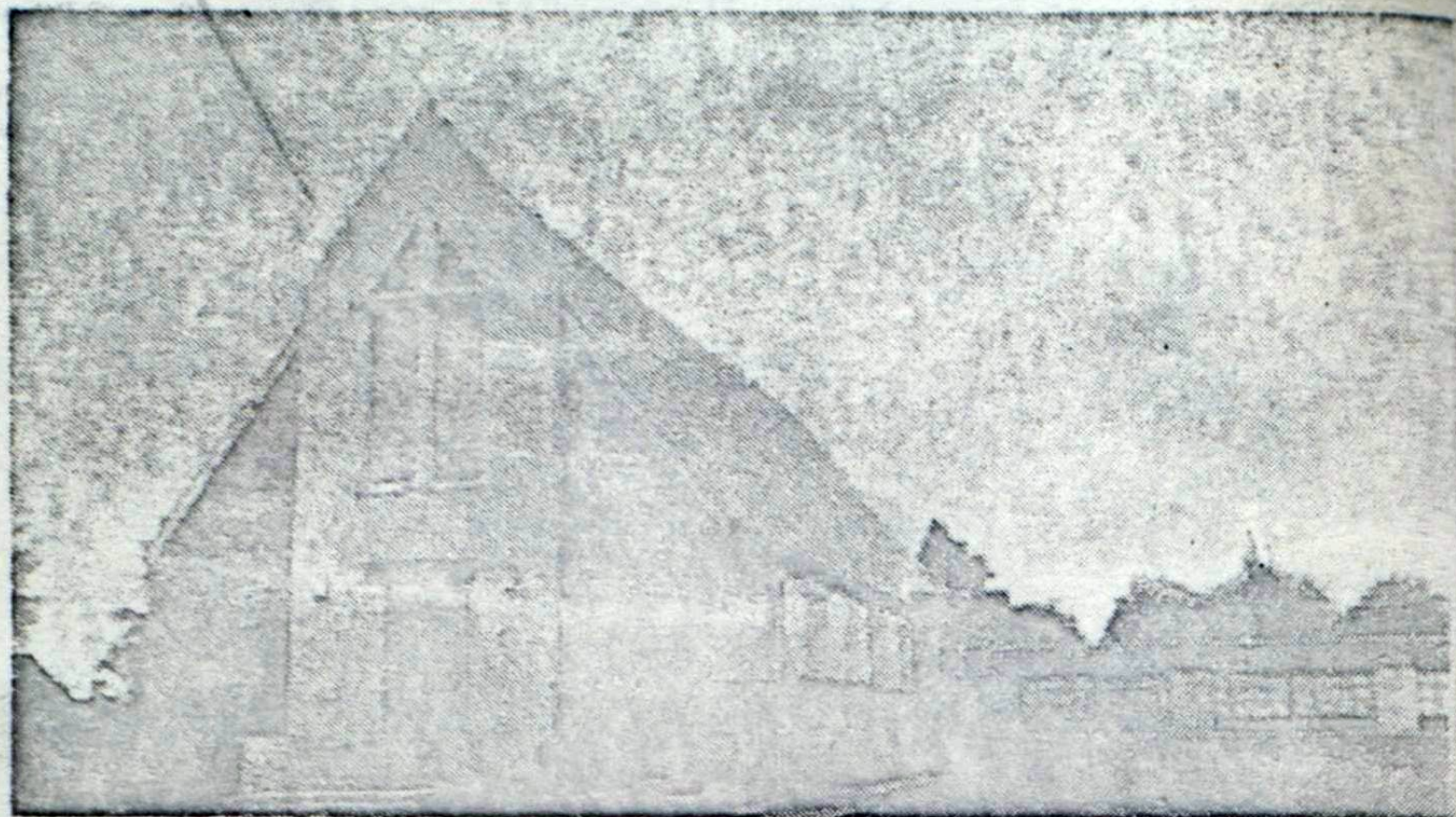
Rev. L. D. Lockwood, the present minister, succeeded him. Plans are being made to enlarge the church building to accommodate more Sunday School pupils.

Rev. L. D. Lockwood, Minister

### Order of Services

Sunday School .....	9:30 A.M.	N.Y.P. Service .....	6:45 P.M.
Worship Service .....	10:30 A.M.	Junior Society .....	6:45 P.M.
Junior Church .....	10:30 A.M.	Evangelistic .....	7:30 P.M.





## First Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian church of Highland, an outgrowth of the Community Church, was organized on June 13, 1937, by the Presbytery of Logansport, with services held in the Highland Main School Auditorium.

In 1939, a red brick church was built, with seating capacity of 200, and a large basement room used for social activities and Sunday Church School. Mortgage on this building was burned Dec. 31, 1944.

An educational wing was added in 1952 and in 1958 the expansion consisted of a new sanctuary with seating for 500 and a fellowship hall. The new sanctuary was dedicated Nov. 23, 1958.

Plans are to convert the old sanctuary to a new church office, pastor's study and a small chapel. The basement will be partitioned for needed class rooms for Sunday Church school.

Church membership has grown from 86 to over 900 under the leadership of John C. Marshall (1937-1940); Wilbur D. Kuenzli (1941-44); Frederick G. Tyrrell (1944-1953) and the present minister, Rev. Herman G. McCoy, came to Highland in 1953. An assistant pastor, Rev. Robert W. Barrack, will begin his ministry the middle of September.

Rev. Herman G. McCoy. Pastor

### Regular Sunday Services

Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Church School	9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
United Presbyterian Youth:	Junior High 5:30 P.M.
	Senior High 7:00 P.M.





## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

On Sunday, December 13, 1959, a group of people interested in uniting themselves into a new Lutheran congregation began Worship Services in the all-purpose room of the Highland Christian School. Present at this service, conducted by the Rev. Harold E. Koch, Board Missionary of the United Lutheran Church in America, were 133 persons. Sunday School classes were begun on Sunday, January 3, 1960, with 78 present.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 1960, was the day the congregation was organized officially as Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Highland, Indiana, with 197 baptized and 115 confirmed members.

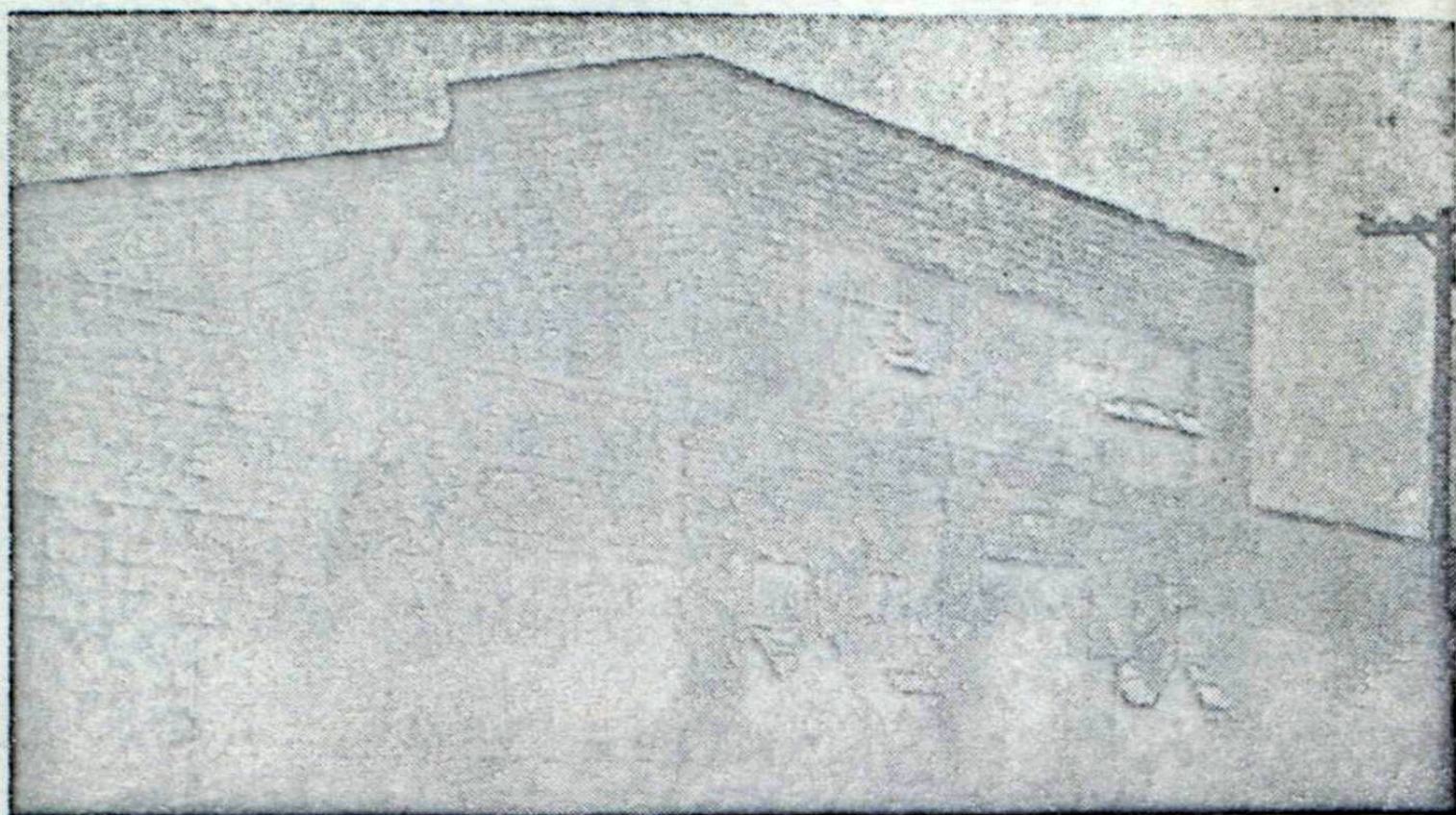
A call was extended to the Rev. Mr. Koch to become the first pastor of the new congregation. He accepted the call and was installed as the pastor on Sunday, August 14, 1960, by the Rev. Walter M. Wick, D.D., the President of the Indiana Synod of the ULCA.

The congregation has secured a plot of ground at the corner of Orchard Street and Ridge Road on which the permanent church building will be built in the near future.

### Sunday Services

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Church Services	10:45 A.M.





## Highland Missionary Baptist

The Hessville Missionary Baptist Church constituted the First Southern Missionary Baptist Church of Highland on May 18, 1958, with 13 members. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Indiana Baptist State Convention.

The church now has 47 members with a Sunday school enrollment of 74 and Training Union enrollment of 48. The congregation is meeting temporarily in the Pleasant View Dary hall for their Sunday services.

Land has been purchased by the church at 46th and Fifth Street in Highland and plans are being made to start a building in the fall or early spring.

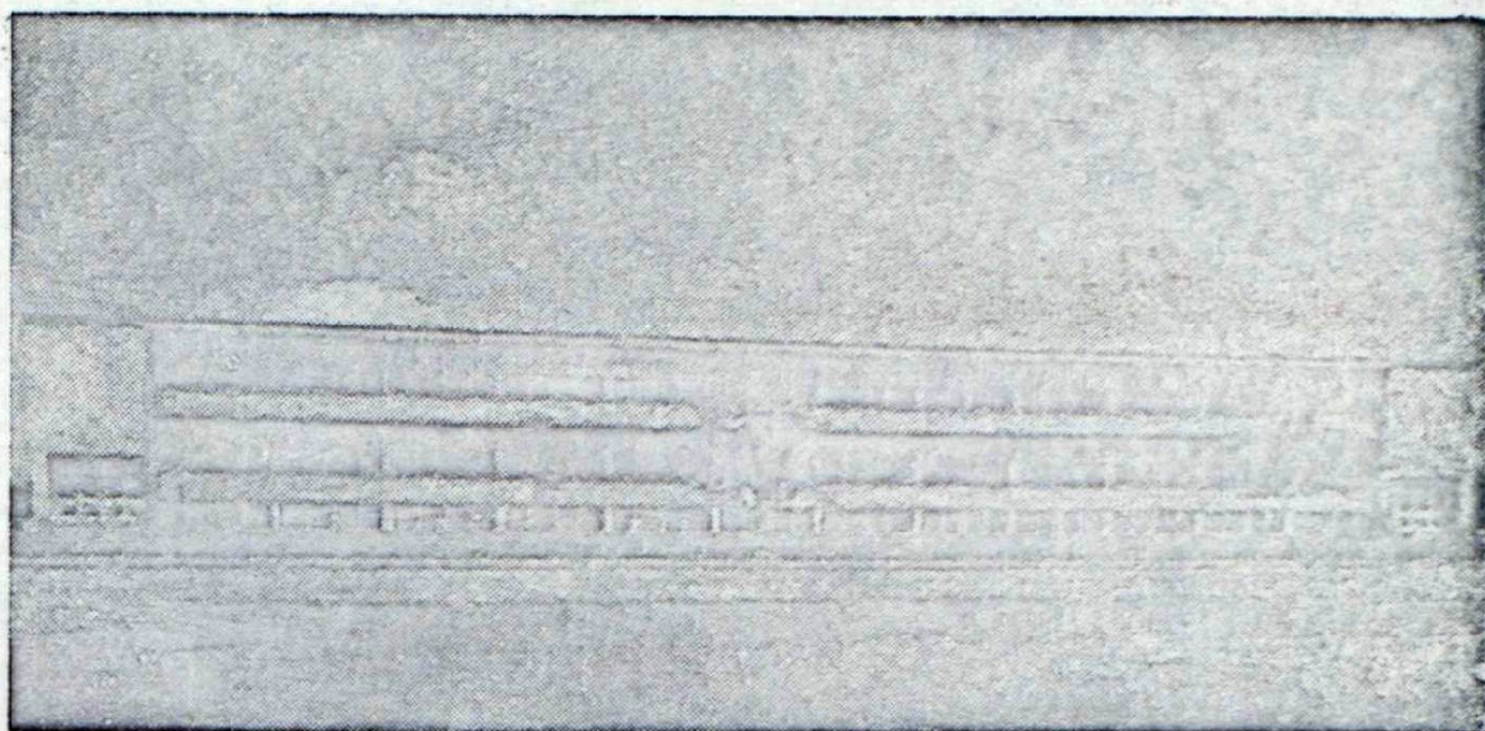
Rev. Reathel Miller, Pastor

### Services Each Sunday

Sunday School ..... 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 A.M.

Training Union ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Worship Service ..... 7:30 P.M.





## Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Back in June of 1947, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo P. Hildebrandt, accompanied by Cyrel W. Melton, made a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, and completed purchase of land in Highland for a future parish. Bishop John F. Noll, on July 7, 1949, authorized Rev. Alvin J. Jasinski to organize a parish in Highland with 212 families as members.

After purchase of the property on Jewett Street, Mass was offered for the first time in the parish church on October 29, 1950, and a year later, after the church was enlarged, it was dedicated by Bishop Leo A. Pursley. Ground was broken for the new church and school on Highway Avenue on February 6, 1954, and the cornerstone blessed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Mungovan on July 11, 1954. Parish membership is now approximately 1,350 families.

Assistant pastors who have served the parish are: Rev. Charles Froelich, C.P.P.S., Rev. William Dougherty, C.P.P.S., Rev. Richard Wise, C.P.P.S. and Rev. Aloysius Nondorf. Present assistant pastors are Rev. John Minnich and Rev. John Bolan, C.P.P.S.

Rev. Alvin J. Jasinski, Pastor

### Sunday Masses

5:45 A.M.

7:30 A.M.

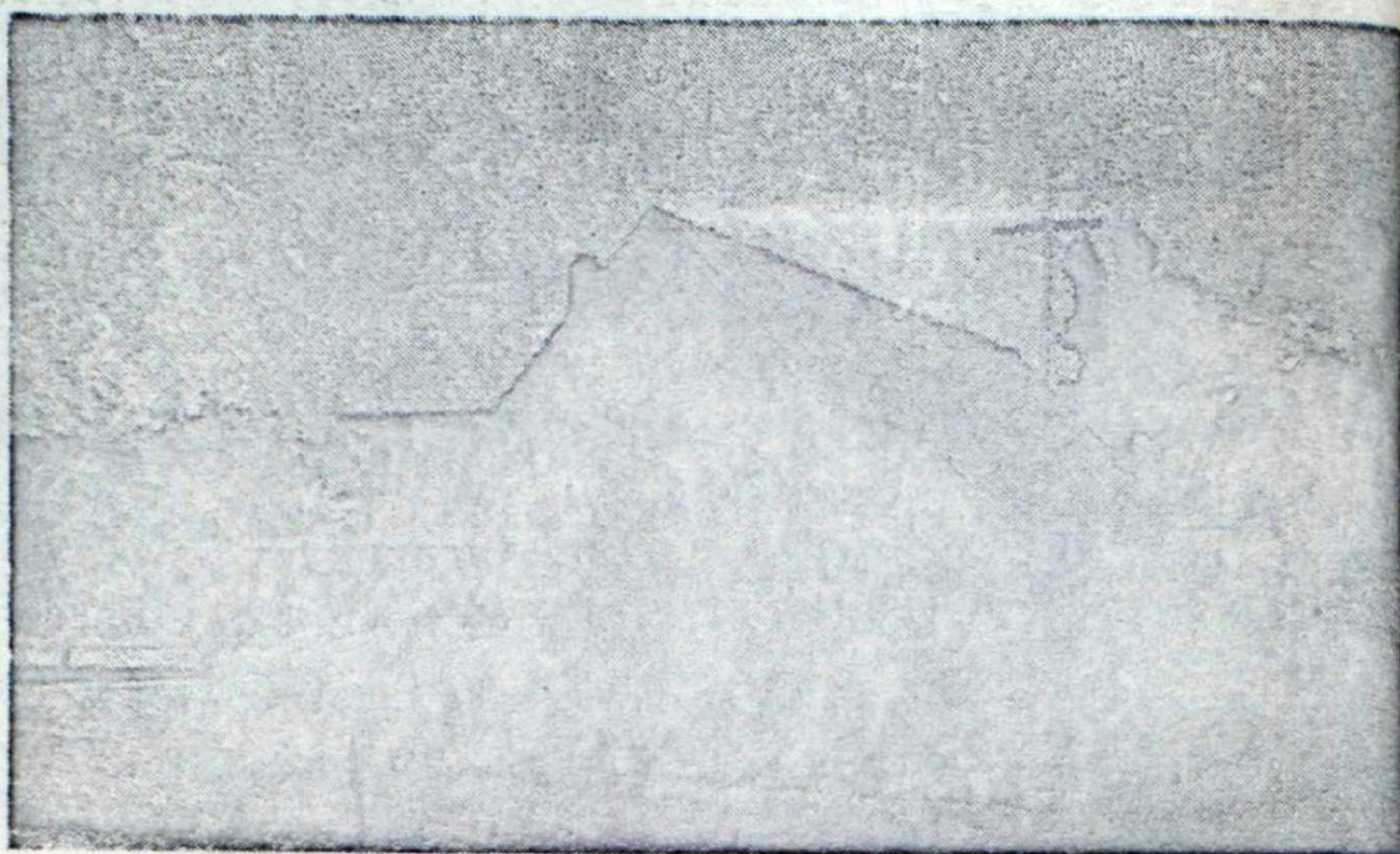
9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

12:00 A.M.





## Redeemer Lutheran Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Highland held its first worship service on September 26, 1954. The Sunday School was started one week later. Services during the first two years were held in the Pleasant View Dairy Hall of Highland.

In 1956 the first unit of the church was constructed, at the corner of Kennedy and 38th Street. Dedication of this multi-purpose church building was held in September of that year. Plans call for the second unit to be an educational wing, and the third unit to be the permanent worship sanctuary.

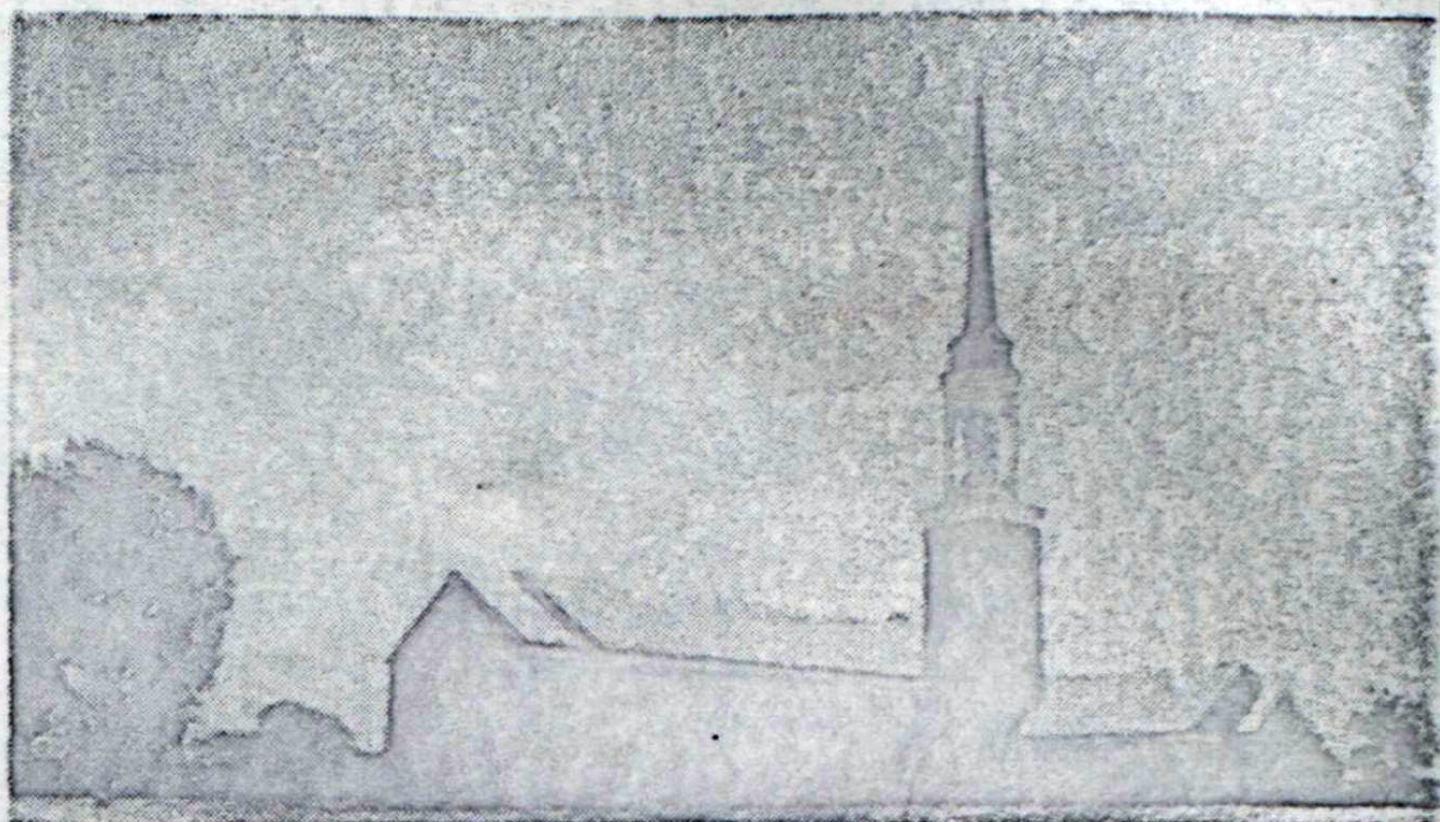
Since its beginning the congregation has emphasized community evangelism and Christian education, in addition to divine worship. Since 1957 an outdoor Easter Sunrise Service has been held, and in September of 1957 the church began to operate a Christian Kindergarten.

The Rev. David R. Koenig has been pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church since its beginning. The congregation is affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The present adult membership is about 375, with a baptized membership of over 600.

Rev. David R. Koenig, Pastor

Sunday Schedule: Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:45 A.M.  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 A.M.





## Second Christian Reformed Church

The Second Christian Reformed Church of Highland was organized on March 12, 1953, by 80 families and 5 individual members who had formerly been members of the First Christian Reformed Church.

The first worship service was held on March 15, 1953, in the Christian School. Facilities here soon proved to be inadequate, so on October 11, 1953, services were held in the American Legion Hall. The Legion Hall continued to be "home" until the congregation moved into their new building located at 5th Ave., and Ridge Road on March 12, 1957, just 4 years after their organization.

Rev. C. O. Buus has been pastor of the church since August 1954, being the first pastor of the church. The congregation also employs Mr. R. Huizenga as Community Evangelist.

### Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
Worship Service	7:00 P.M.



# Highland Public Schools

The history of Highland in this booklet contains references to the public schools of Highland, including the fact that the first official classes were taught by Judith Johnston.

At the present time there are five public grade schools in Highland, and one public high school. The oldest of these schools is the Main school, built in 1913 and enlarged in 1925 and 1939. This school has 13 classrooms and had an enrollment of 302 for the 1959-60 term.

Lincoln School was built in 1946, enlarged in 1950, and contained 386 pupils one year ago. Orchard Park was the third grade school built, opening its doors in 1953. Last year this school had 217 pupils. Judith Johnston School was built in 1955—623 pupils attended in 1959-60. The latest public grade school, Southridge, enrolled 412 pupils one year ago, in its first year of operation.

Highland High School, constructed in 1957 and currently being enlarged, is considered to be one of the most beautiful prep schools in the Mid-West. This school was fully accredited by the North Central Association during 1960; at the time, 906 students were in attendance.

Currently the public school system is served by the following appointive officers:

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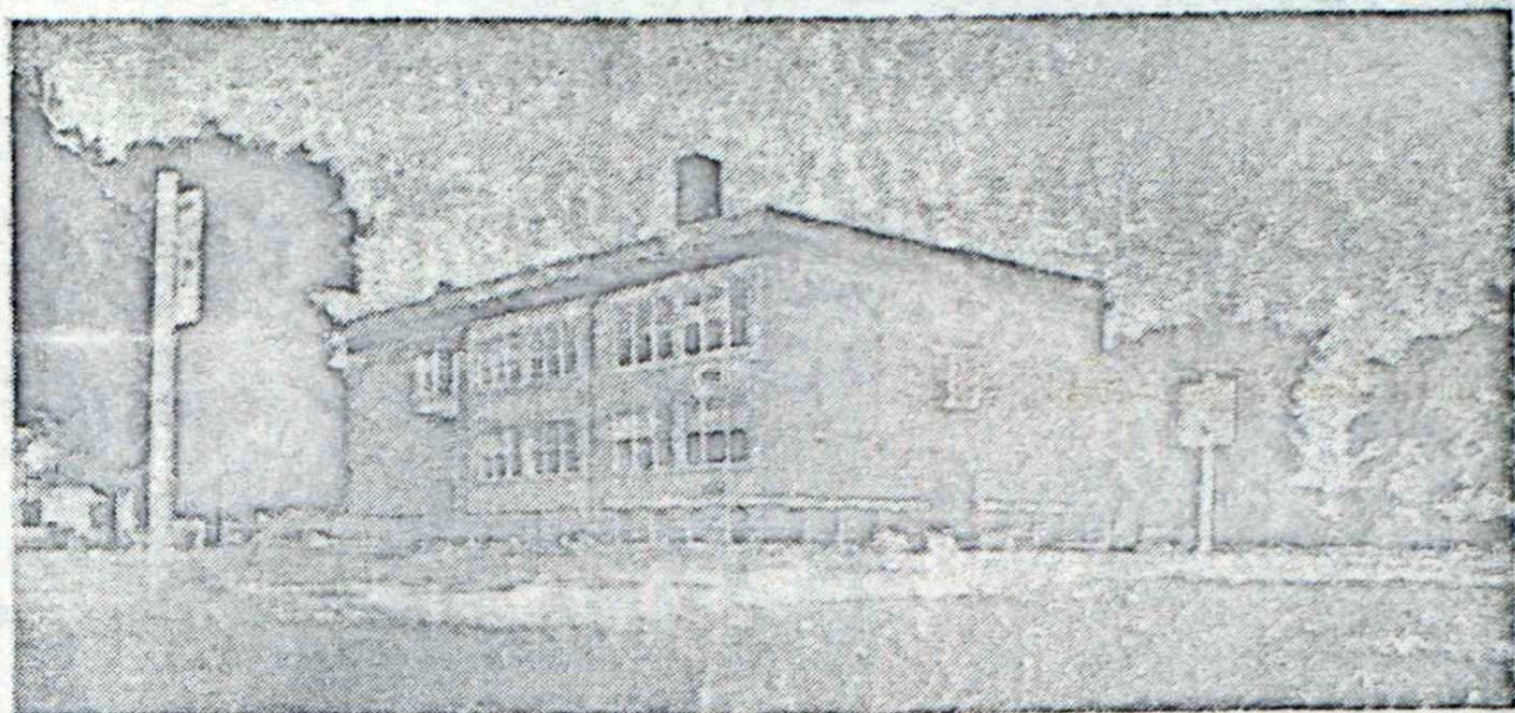
Superintendent

John H. Strange, Secretary

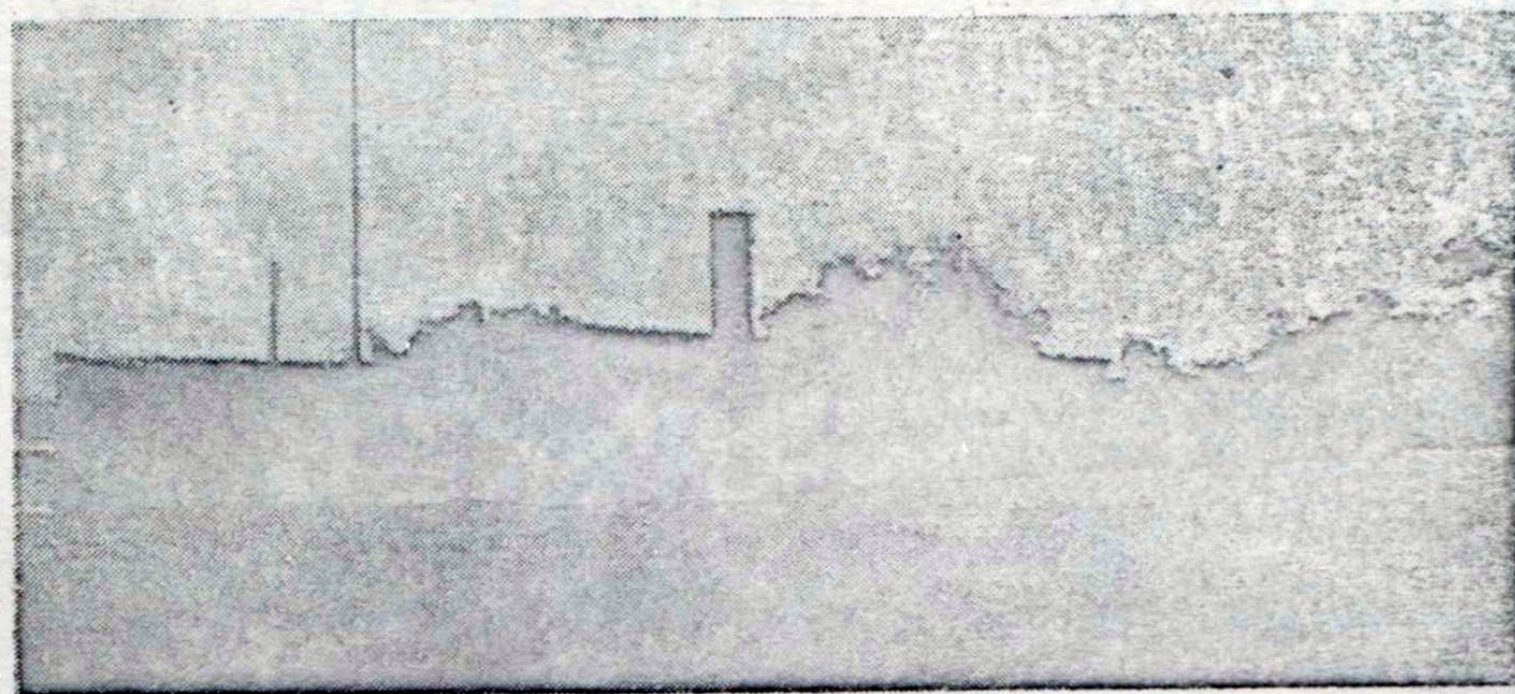
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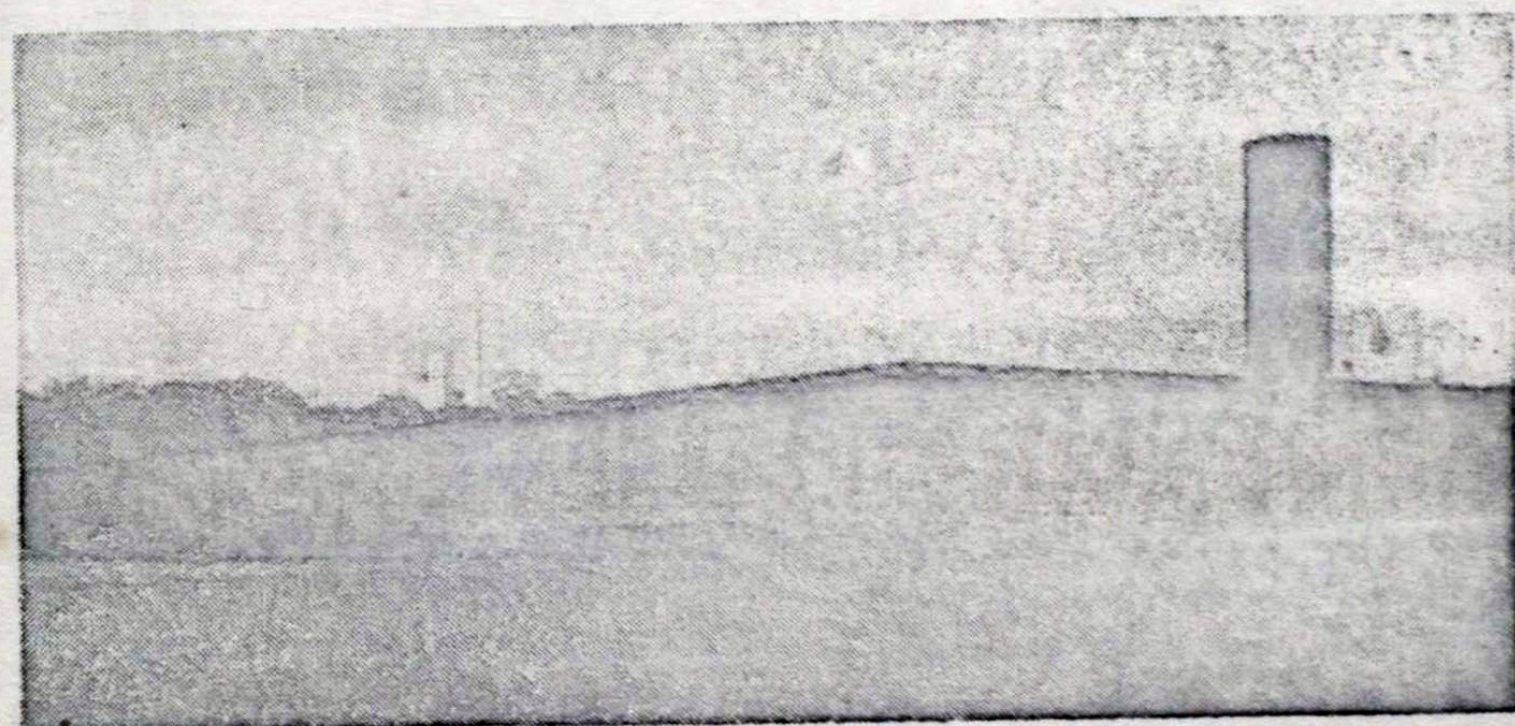




MAIN SCHOOL

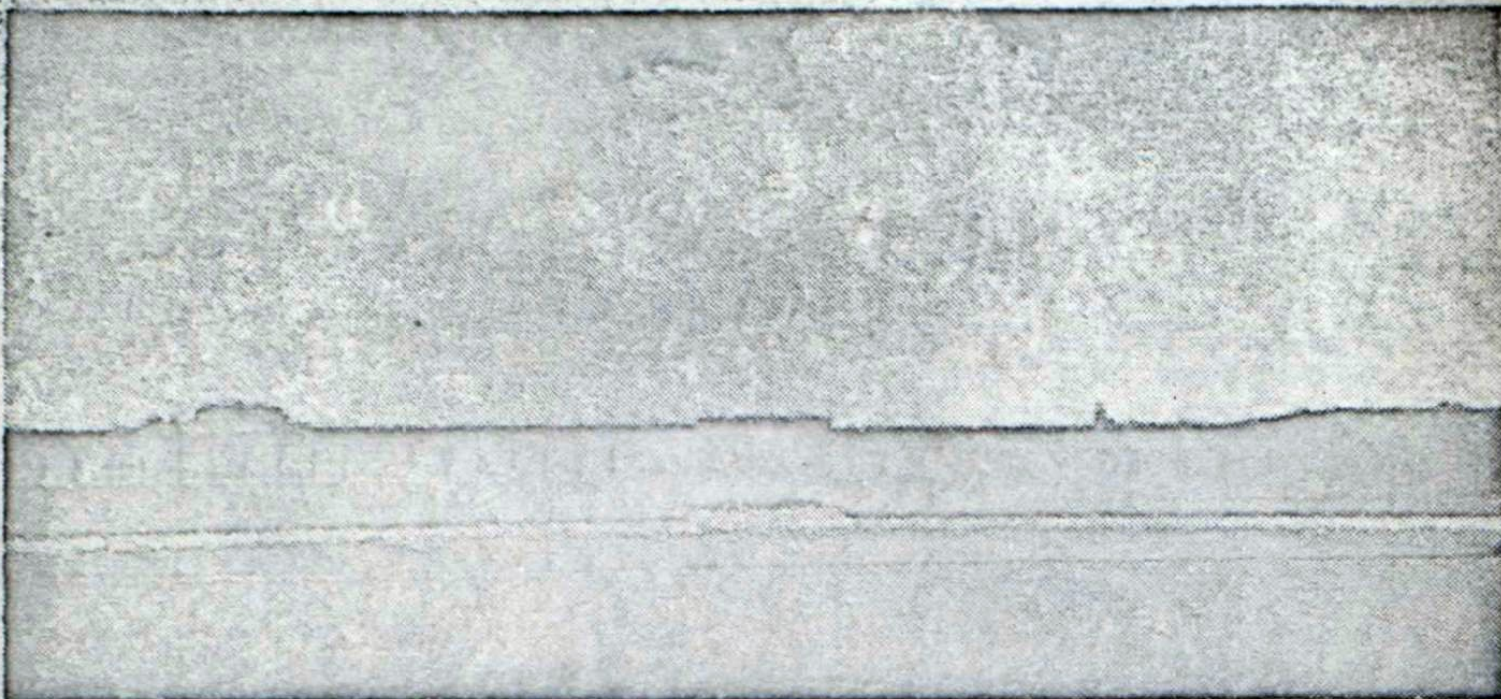


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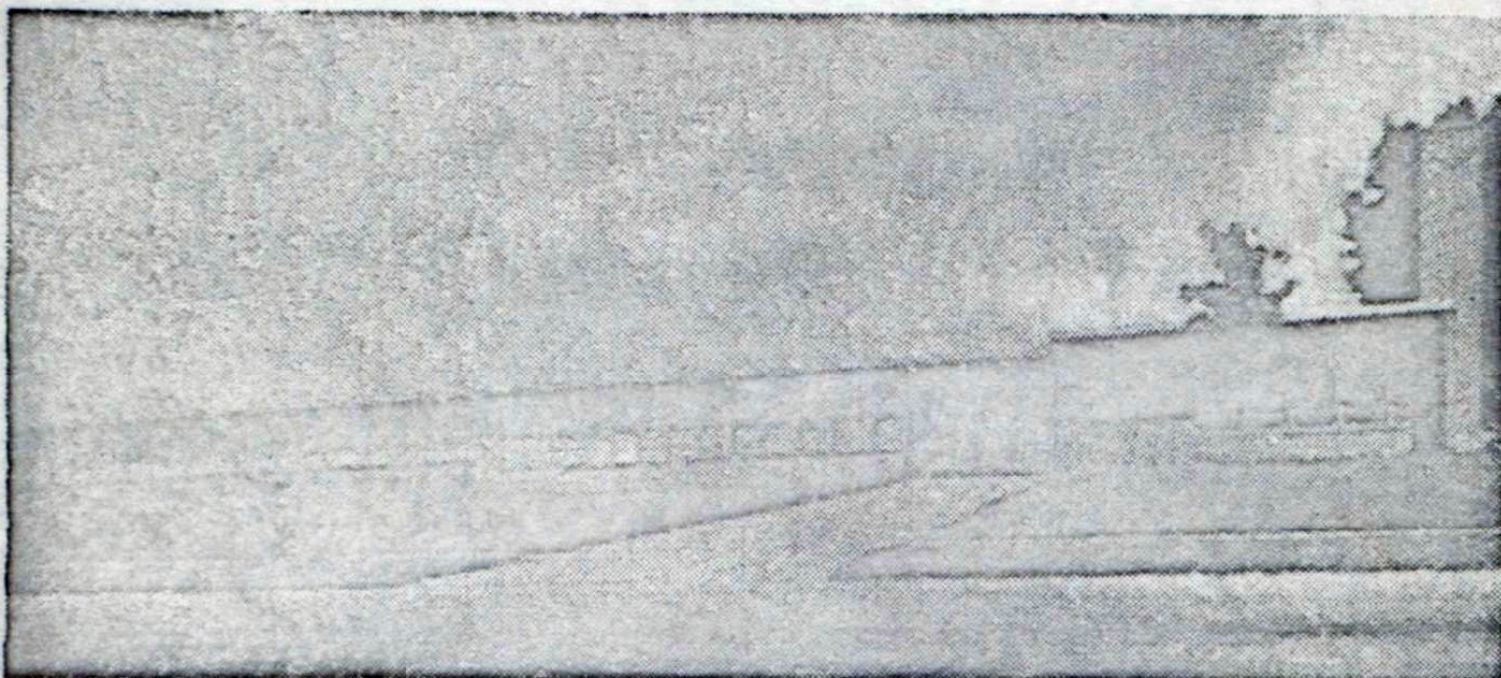


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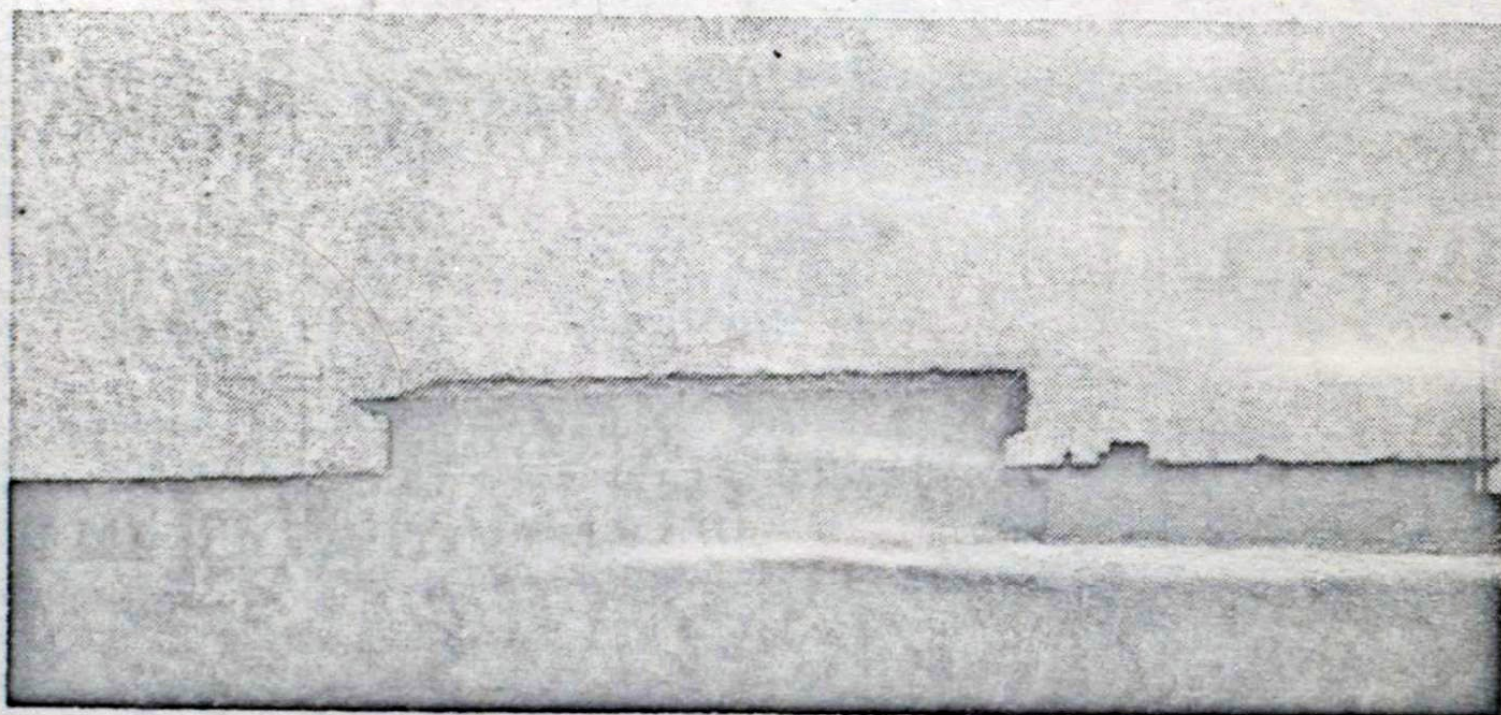




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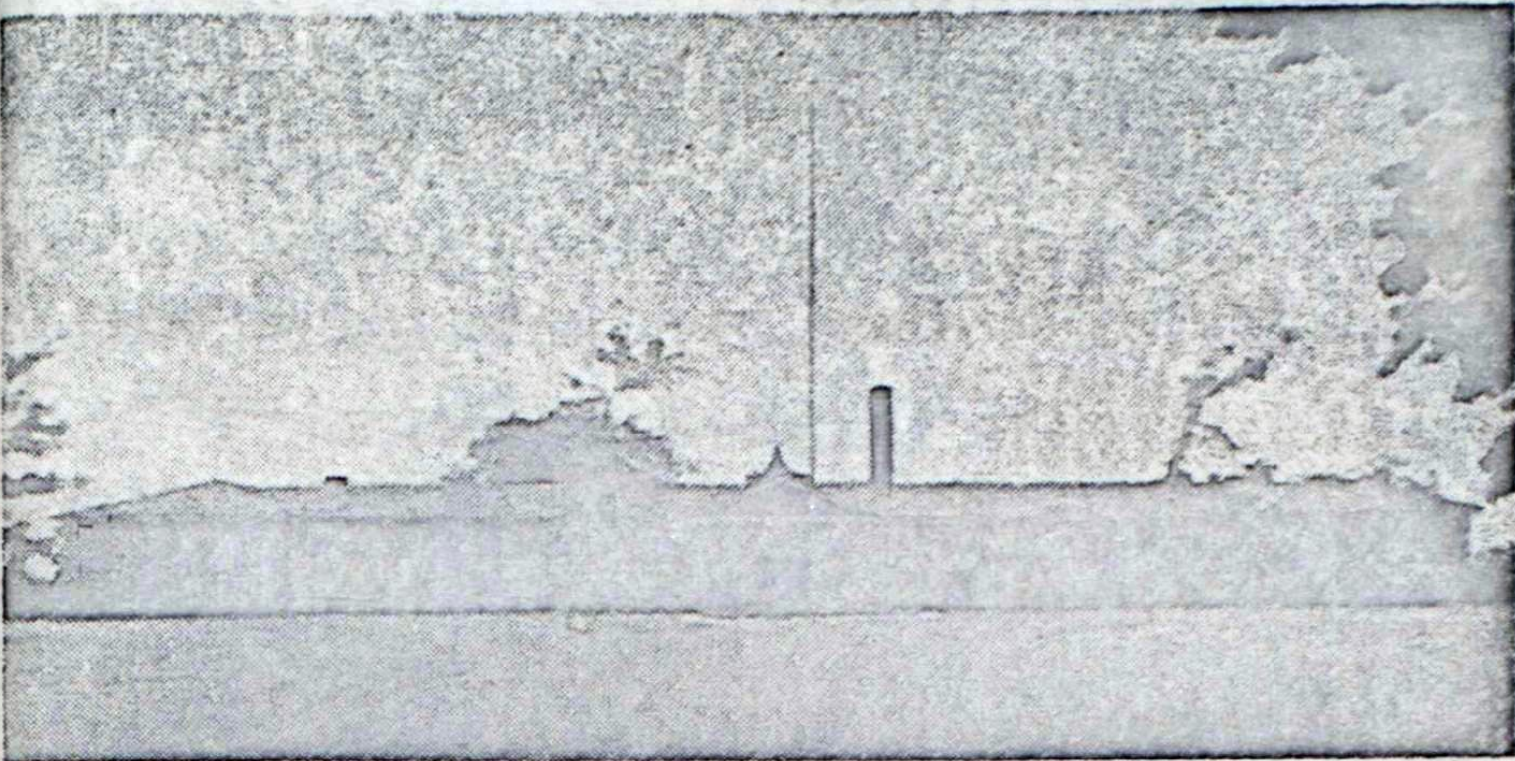


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HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL





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### Highland Christian School

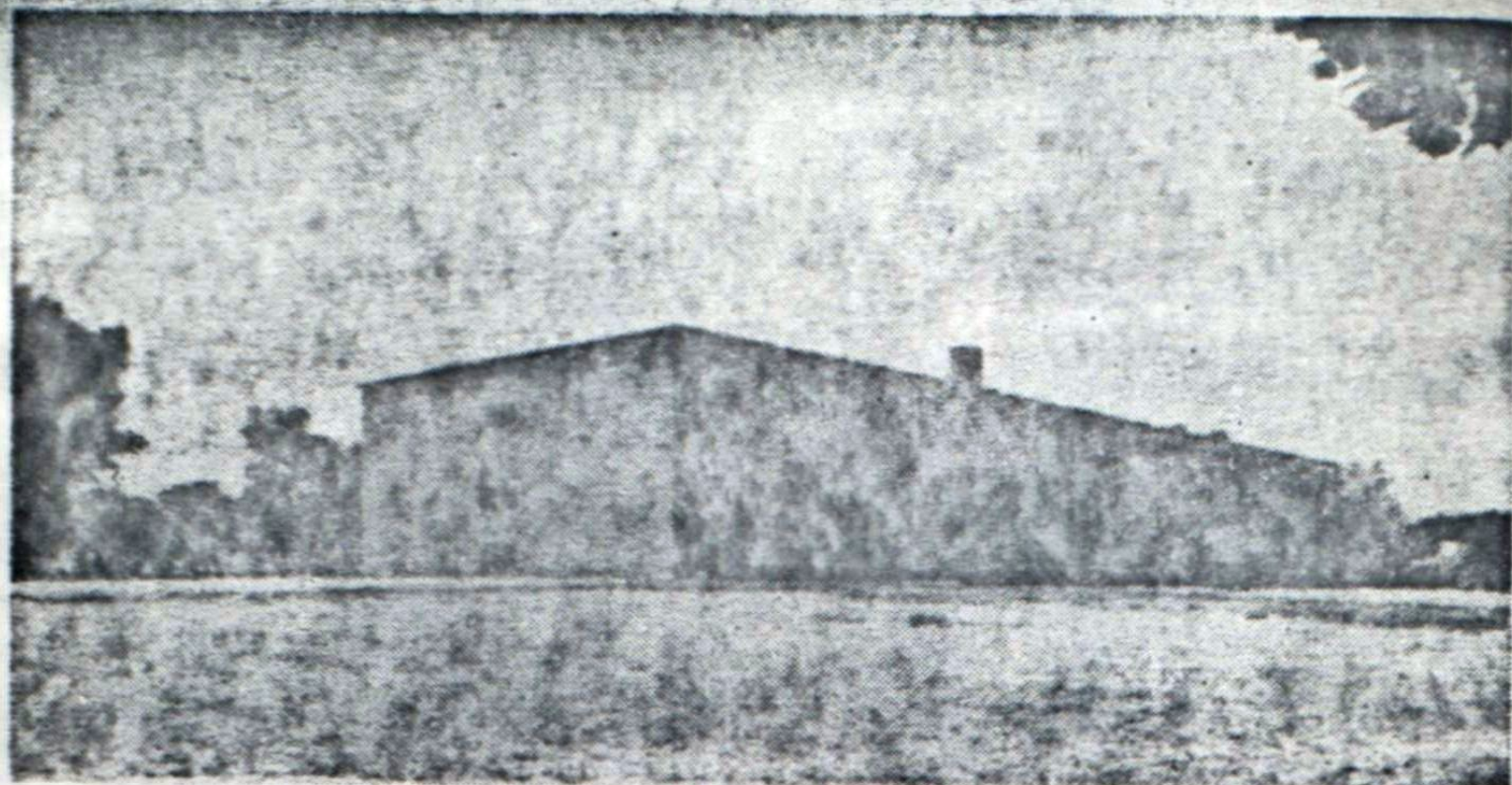
Fifty children were enrolled when the Highland Christian School officially opened on November 10, 1909, under the direction of Principal H. L. J. Fortuin. By 1917 the school on Jewett Street was found to be too small, so a four room school was erected on Highway Avenue.

The teaching of a ninth grade was introduced in 1935, which date also marked the start of the school's PTA and the traditional "Open House" during the month of February. In 1940 the 10th grade was added, with both of the first two years of high school instruction being maintained until the Fall of 1945. High school classes were dropped thereafter, since the famed Illiana Christian High School opened in 1945.

A new school was underway in 1946. This beautiful building, located on Ridge Road adjacent to the Second Christian Church, was dedicated on April 10, 1951. An addition was made to this school in 1958 to handle the kindergarten pupils.

John Vander Zee, who has been the principal of the Christian School since 1943, heads the staff of 13 teachers now instructing.





## Our Lady of Grace School

Three Sisters of St. Francis, whose Motherhouse is in Mishawaka, Indiana, arrived in Highland in 1954 to staff the first opening of the Catholic grade school in Highland. When school opened in September, three lay teachers also helped to conduct classes in the American Legion Hall and the Sunday School section of the First Presbyterian Church.

The pupils and faculty moved into the brand new school, at the corners of Highway and Fifth, on December 1, 1954. Because of the influx of population and heavy increase in school enrollment, a second floor was begun in 1956 and was first used in 1957.

Sister M. Frieda served as the first Principal of Our Lady of Grace School, and was with her students for the past six school terms. This Fall she will be replaced as Principal by Sister M. Regina, with Sr. Frieda moving up the scholastic ladder in some other town or city.

Present enrollment in the eight grades of the school is 1,014. The faculty now includes nine Sisters and eleven lay teachers.



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## "OLD TIMERS"

The names listed are those who have lived in Highland continuously since 1910, even though one or more of these fellow citizens of ours are just 51 years of age. The names in parentheses are the maiden names of married women.

Mrs. Mary Blink (Zyp)	Mr. and Mrs. John Kortenhoeven (Mary Dekker)—then (Mrs. John Witvliet)
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Blom (Kate Schoon)	Lambert Kuiper
Mrs. John Broertjes (Myrtle Zyp)	Mrs. Lena Lohse (Vander Tuuk)
Mrs. Bess De Groot (Schoon)	Mr. and Mrs. David Moes (Nellie Zyp)
Harold Douthett	Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schoon (Nellie Groot)
Richard Elman	Mrs. John Swart (Anna Eriks)
Mrs. Anna Eriks (Bos)	Mrs. David Todd (Eloise Wells)
Garrett Eriks	Andrew Wagner
Al Grimmer	Mrs. Bessie Wells (Hutchins)
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Groot (Kate Zyp)	
Mrs. Gerrit Huitsing (Gertie Eriks)	

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## Additional "Old Timers"

The names listed are those who have lived in Highland for the majority of their lives, even though the various individuals may have lived away from Highland for a time — they always returned to the heart of the Calumet region.

Mrs. Peter Battistini	Mrs. Harm Scheeringa
Conrad Elman	Cornelius N. Schoon
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Nick Groot	Mr. and Mrs. William Terpstra
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